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WHITE HOUSE CLEMENCY VIGIL ENTERING 144th CONSECUTIVE HOUR.
JANUARY 5 DELEGATIONS ARRIVING FROM EAST, WEST, MIDWEST
COMMITTEE SCORES ATTEMPTS TO PIN POLITICAL LABEL ON MERCY

The Clemency Vigil at the White House on behalf of commutation for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg is now entering its 144th Consecutive hour, it was announced today by the National Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case. The Vigil began on Saturday, Dec. 27th.

The number of persons participating in the Vigil, at one time or another, from all sections of the country has now grown to more than 200. It is estimated that over a 1000 persons will have participated by the end of next week.

Delegations from California east to Chicago and New England have already begun to arrive in the nation's capital for a series of visits on Jan. 5 with Senators, Congressmen and government officials.

In a reply to attempts in some quarters to pin a political label on the nationwide sentiment for clemency, the Committee declared: "It is an insult to the American people - and particularly to its ministers of all faiths - to insinuate that their sentiments for mercy for the Rosenbergs arise from any political source. Only an unregenerate Scrooge would be shocked to discover that mercy has no selfish end - or that it exists at all. The nationwide sentiment for Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg exists independently of the will of any group or party, and arises out of the normal doubts and humaneness with which our fellow Americans are, with a few exceptions, endowed."

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Dear Friend:

One by one . . . six million Jews died!

Sometimes we forget in enormity of Hitler's crime that it had a beginning . . . there was a first Jew killed.

What would you have given to have stopped the mass murder of six million Jews at the beginning . . . when the first Jew was legally murdered.

German Jewry chose to overlook their "first Jew"—to accept Hitler's statement that he was only "getting rid of Reds" and "restoring order."

Are American Jews Making the same mistake?
Are Julius and Ethel Rosenberg America's "first Jews" to be legally murdered?

Certain courageous Jewish leaders say yes.

Many have stated emphatically that the evidence against them will not stand up in a fair trial. The Court of Appeals stated that without the testimony of Greenglass, who saved himself by becoming a government witness, there would be no case. Greenglass saved his own skin by putting his sister and brother-in-law in the death house at Sing Sing. Is his testimony then, so unimpeachable? If there is the slightest chance that the Rosenbergs may indeed be innocent, can we afford to let them stand convicted? Can we afford to let the domestic Hitlers and anti-Semites use the Rosenbergs as a club with which to bludgeon all Jews?

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case has met and overcome the first hurdle. The \$12,000 required by the Supreme Court before an appeal may be considered has been raised. Ten times that amount is now needed to follow up on this heartening start. Thousands of copies of the actual transcript of the trial must be printed and sent to outstanding jurists and leaders so that they may judge the evidence for themselves.

A prominent attorney of national reputation and standing must be hired to make the Supreme Court Appeal. Thousands of "Amicus" petitions must be printed and circulated so that the Supreme Court may not refuse to review this case. Newspaper Ads must be used to focus nationwide attention on the importance of everyone of a new and fair trial. By failing to act in time, 6 million Jews paid with their lives for Germany's phony Reichstag fire. How many of your dollars will you put to work NOW for justice? How much is a possible Supreme Court acquittal of the Rosenbergs worth to you and your future in America?

Bring, send, wire your contributions to the Rosenberg Committee so that this vitally crucial program may not die.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Braden

L. A. COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE — L. A. 37 — ADams 3-7686

Please enlist me in the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. ()

Enclosed \$ _____ help bring the facts of the case to a wider audience. ()

Please send me _____ and Amicus briefs for distribution. (Please Check)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE THE ROSENBERG CASE

PRESS RELEASE

1050 Sixth Avenue
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FOR RELEASE
DECEMBER 19, 1952

COMMITTEE PROPOSES "TIME TABLE FOR LIFE" SERIES OF ACTIONS TO WIN CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS, DRAMATIC RECORDING CALLED "MASTERPIECE" BY AUDIENCES.

Hailing the emergence of a new, nationwide clemency movement centering in the churches, synagogues, trade unions and professional and other groups as the best hope for obtaining clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case today proposed a series of actions which would add new millions of persons to the million who have already joined the clemency appeal.

The Committee proposed:

1) That all groups active on behalf of clemency plan every action, whether it be a public meeting, newspaper advertisement, delegation or other action in such a way as to gain the approval and cooperation of the largest and most representative body of persons.

2) That every effort be made to secure the participation of religious, labor and professional groups, whether or not they have already spoken up for clemency, in the National Clemency Gathering on January 4 and 5 at Washington, D.C. (Railroad tickets now available for New York participants at \$12 round trip.)

3) That every city and town send participants to the Clemency Vigil (a 24 hour vigil at the White House, beginning on the evening of December 27 and continuing every day). Further information may be obtained by communicating with the Washington Rosenberg Committee, 1867 Kalorama Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. Tel: GO 5-0300

4) That letters and delegations go to every Senator and Congressman on the weekends that they are home, that delegations go to see Mayors and other city officials, and that Governors likewise be visited. All should be asked to speak up for clemency, privately or publicly.

5) Every clergyman, regardless of faith, should be asked to give a sermon urging his congregation to write to Pres. Truman to grant Executive Clemency.

6) Every person of some prominence, whether lawyer, doctor, humane leader, or other, regardless of his or her position on any other issue of our time, should be written to and visited, and urged to speak up for clemency.

7) Every city and every community, where a clemency committee or group exists, should make every effort to obtain advertising space in the city and community newspapers, urging readers to appeal to the President for clemency.

8) Door-to-door, street-by-street visits, distribution of printed material, and solicitation of letters and wires to the President. Also community-wide mailings, cutting across all voters lists.

MORE

9) Immediate response to the Committee's urgent appeal for \$50,000 to finance the last few weeks' activity, ads, last-minute investigative work, mailings, radio programs and other actions.

The Committee proposals came out of an emergency meeting held on December 17 to consider eleventh hour steps in the clemency campaign.

The Committee stressed the fact that the question of the innocence or guilt of the Rosenbergs had been subordinated by many hundreds of thousands of Americans to the question of clemency. This, the Committee said, has proved that while many are divided on the innocence-or-guilt question, most persons recognize the inhumanity and unfairness of the death sentence.

The Committee also announced that it was distributing a dramatic recording on the case, written and produced by the San Francisco Committee, which audiences throughout the country unanimously called a masterpiece of radio drama. The recording is available on a long playing record (28 minutes playing time) and can be secured at the Committee's office. The price of the record is \$4.00. It is suitable for small house gatherings, public meetings and radio broadcasts.

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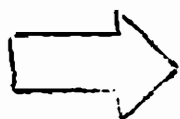
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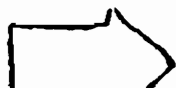
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DO NOT LET THE ROSENBERGS DIE!

WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THEM INNOCENT OR GUILTY,

Ask Yourself These Questions:

Should Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, young Jewish parents of two small boys, die in the electric chair for allegedly giving information to an ally in World War II?

Why were the Rosenbergs sentenced to death at a time when we were showing leniency to traitors to our country? (Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose got 10-year sentences.) Our government forgave those who killed millions of Jews and murdered our boys in World War II! The Rosenbergs are the only Americans ever sentenced to death on this charge in the Federal Courts!

What if the future proves that the Rosenbergs were telling the truth when they said they were innocent? This has happened before. Remember Sacco and Vanzetti, Alfred Dreyfus, Scottsboro boys? Should the Rosenbergs be put to death and their children orphaned while a single doubt remains?

The JEWISH DAILY FORWARD says:

"Never has such a sentence been given when the assistance was given to an ally."

AN ORTHODOX RABBI says:

"I consider it my profound duty to address myself to friend and foe, to all, be they Jews or non-Jews, irrespective of institutional affiliation or political persuasion, to participate in the work of securing justice for the Rosenbergs and Sobell." RABBI DR. MEYER SHARFF

THE JEWISH DAY says:

"America dare not extinguish the lives of two young people . . . for a crime for which others received only prison terms."

A CATHOLIC PRIEST says:

"In the Rosenberg-Sobell case the U.S.A. has a unique chance to give leadership to the world by adopting the Christian way, by commuting and revising the sentences imposed on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."

FATHER CLARENCE E. DUFF

- - - - - Add Your Voice For CLEMENCY - CLIP AND MAIL TODAY - - - - -

President Harry S. Truman
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully urge that you save the lives of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg by granting the Executive Clemency.

I believe that the death sentence was unusually severe, particularly in view of the mild 10-year sentences given to Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally, who were convicted of the more serious crime of treason.

Sincerely,

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Now in its 96th hour...

**THE PRAYER VIGIL
AT THE WHITE HOUSE
FOR CLEMENCY FOR
THE ROSENBERGS!**

Only 12 days left before
date of execution

"After plowing through volumes of the evidence presented in this tragic case, I am not convinced, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the Rosenbergs are guilty!"

RABBI LOUIS D. GROSS, EDITOR,
JEWISH EXAMINER, NEW YORK.

"I cannot but deplore the death sentence upon the Rosenbergs both in itself and from its inevitable effect upon British and world opinion."

CHARLES E. RAVEN, CHAPLAIN TO
HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN.

"The Bulletin does not question the conviction. . . . We do feel, however, that the request for clemency directed to President Truman . . . is fully justified. . . ."

FROM THE JEWISH WESTERN BULLETIN OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL OF VANCOUVER

WRITE OR WIRE PRES. TRUMAN TODAY
Ask him to grant executive clemency
to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

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493	1-14-53	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
494	1-14-53	BS AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	1	
495	1-14-53	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	2	2	
496	1-14-53	SA MEMO TO FILE	3	3	
496-A	1-14-53	3RD PARTY LETTER TO NY	1	1	
496-B	1-14-53	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
497	1-15-53	BS AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	1	
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506	1-7-53	3RD PARTY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
507	1-15-53	HQ LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
507-A	1-15-53	RE: 3RD PARTY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
507-B	1-15-53	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	2	0	
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550	1-22-53	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
551	1-22-53	SI LETTER TO NY	1	1	
552	1-22-53	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
553	2-4-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
554	1-22-53	SF AIRTEL TO MM	1	1	
555	1-22-53	PH AIRTEL TO HQ, NY & WFO	1	1	
556	1-22-53	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	1	
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557	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	

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558	1-23-53	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
559	1-25-53	3RD PARTY LETTER TO SAC	2	2	
560	1-26-52	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
561	1-27-53	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ NY	1	1	
562	1-27-53	3RD PARTY LETTER TO SAC	2	2	
563	1-27-53	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
564	1-28-53	SI LETTER TO NY	1	1	
565	1-28-53	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
566	1-28-53	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
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571	1-29-53	SAC LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	1	
572	1-29-53	PH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
573	1-29-53	PH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
574	1-29-53	PH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
575	1-29-53	PH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
576	1-29-53	BS AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	1	
577	1-29-53	PG LETTER TO NY	1	1	
578	5-15-53	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	
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579	1-30-53	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	1	

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RKC
J. H. Harrington

January 12, 1953

Mr. T. J. McAndrews
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway, New York 7

Dear Mr. McAndrews,

This is the correspondence re Rosenbergs
about which I spoke to you on the phone this morning,
together with a copy of the reply of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] felt so strongly about such an "appeal" that he,
sent a copy of his letter to Dr. Adams to every one
listed as on the "Sponsoring Committee."

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Mr. T. J. McAndrews
Federal Bureau of Investigation
290 Broadway
New York 7, N.Y.

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 13, 1953

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 12, 1953, addressed to Special Agent Thomas J. McAndrews of this office.

The interest and courtesy which prompted you to submit the correspondence addressed to the [REDACTED] as well as his reply, are deeply appreciated. 070

You may be certain this matter will be afforded appropriate attention by this office.

Very truly yours,

TJM:IM
100-107111

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

McA
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

January 12, 1953

Mr. Warren Marcnessault
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Foley Square
New York, New York

Dear Warren,

I am enclosing herewith some mimeographed material received in the mail this morning pertaining to the Rosenberg case.

This is for your information in the event you are not already familiar with this aspect of the case.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 13, 1953

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New York 17, N.Y.

Dear 

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12, 1953, with enclosure, addressed to Special Agent Warren Marchessault of this office.

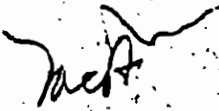
Your interest in forwarding Mr. Marchessault the information enclosed with your letter is indeed appreciated. You may be assured that it will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

JAH:IM

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LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge



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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 13, 1953

[REDACTED] B7D
Brooklyn 10, N.Y.

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to thank you for your note of January 8, 1953,
with enclosures.

Your interest in making this information available to
me is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

TJM:IM
100-107111

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 13, 1953

[REDACTED]
New York 14, N.Y.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 10, 1953,
with enclosures.

Your interest in forwarding this material to me is indeed
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

TJM:IM
100-107111

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

Handwritten: [Signature]
Handwritten: 100-107111-484

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 13, 1953

[REDACTED]
New York 9, N.Y.

B7D

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9, 1953, with enclosure.

Your interest in forwarding this information to me is indeed appreciated and you may be assured this matter will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

TJM:IM

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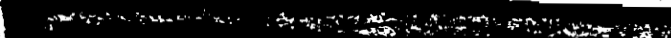
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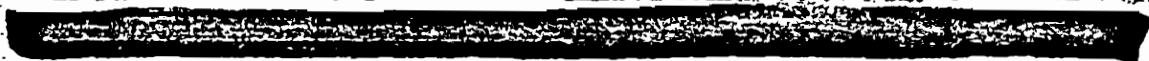


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JANUARY 13, 1953, NEW YORK
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG
CASE; IS DASH C, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950. REBULET
SEPTEMBER 30, 1952, REQUESTING PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY IN
CAPTIONED CASE. THE BUREAU ^{is} ADVISED THAT SUMMARY REPORT
HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN BRINGING
FACTS OF INSTANT CASE WITHIN THE OUTLINE SETUP FOR THE
SUMMARY REPORT. SECTION ONE OF OUTLINE REQUESTS THAT
EVIDENCE BE SUBMITTED, THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS
SUBSTANTIALLY ^{Directed} ~~connected~~, DOMINATED, OR CONTROLLED BY THE
CPUSA. SECTION TWO REQUIRES PROOF THAT THE ORGANIZATION
IS PRIMARILY OPERATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING AID AND
SUPPORT TO THE CPUSA. 

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[REDACTED] ADVISED IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED [REDACTED] 870

[REDACTED] TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF THE "NATIONAL GUARDIAN" AND THE "COMPASS" TO PRESENT THE CASE OF THE ROSENBERGS IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT. AFTER A SERIES OF ARTICLES IN THE "NATIONAL GUARDIAN" A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR THE ROSENBERGS WAS FORMED AND ON ^{January} ~~Jan~~ 3, 1952, INSTANT COMMITTEE WAS FORMED. ON MARCH 7, 1952, OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF REPORT WERE DIRECTED TO REPORT INDICATION THAT THE CP WAS ENGAGED IN DIRECTING, SPONSORING, OR CONTROLLING INSTANT COMMITTEE. ^{Serial} AT THE INCEPTION OF THIS COMMITTEE, NO SUCH REPORT WAS SECURED. ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1952, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE [REDACTED]

BOTH ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF CONTROL OF THE COMMITTEE BY THE PARTY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HAS ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED THE CRC HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE "SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATION" HELD IN TIMES SQUARE ON JANUARY 10 LAST, AND DOUBTS THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS AWARE OF THE PLANS OF THE PARTY TO HOLD SUCH DEMONSTRATION. JULIUS ROSENBERG TOLD WILLIAM CARROLL, USM, AND JAMES BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ASKED BY THEM THAT HE, HIS WIFE, AND EMANUEL BLOCH WERE AGAINST HOLDING THE TRIP TO SING SING SINCE IT WOULD DO THEM NO GOOD AND WOULD PROBABLY CAUSE THEM SOME HARM, BUT THAT THEY HAD TO ACCEDE

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TO THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE SPONSORING THE TRAIN SINCE THEY HAD RECEIVED HELP FROM THEM. AS LATE AS JANUARY 9 LAST, ██████████ REPORTED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS COMMITTEE WAS DIRECTED OR CONTROLLED BY THE PARTY. IT IS TRUE THAT REPORTS HAVE COME IN FROM THE FIELD REFLECTING ATTENDANCE OF CP MEMBERS AT VARIOUS MEETINGS AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE "DAILY WORKER" HAS GONE ALL OUT FOR THE COMMITTEE. THUS, THERE IS A CONFLICT IN ATTEMPTING TO SET FORTH UNDER SECTION ONE OF SAID REPORT INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO QUESTION AS TO SECTION TWO THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS NOT PRIMARILY OPERATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING AID AND SUPPORT TO THE CP. IT APPEARS FROM INFORMATION TO DATE THAT THE FUNDS COLLECTED BY THIS COMMITTEE ARE USED FOR PAYING THE EXPENSES AND COUNSEL FEES TO APPEAL THE CASES OF THE ROSENBERGS AND MORTON SOBELL, TO MAINTAIN THE CHILDREN OF THE ROSENBERGS, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR HELEN SOBELL. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING A REPORT, AS REQUESTED, HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED. THE BUREAU IS ADVISED THAT A FINANCIAL REPORT REFLECTING INCOME AND EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE AS REFLECTED IN

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ACCOUNT WITH CHASE NATIONAL BANK IS NOW BEING PREPARED AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS APPROXIMATELY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN EXAMINATION OF THIS REPORT WILL REFLECT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FUNDS OF THIS COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN DISPERSED. IT IS NOTED THAT THE ROSENBERGS HAVE FILED THEIR PLEA FOR CLEMENCY TO THE PRESIDENT AND IF IT IS DENIED THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE ROSENBERG CASE WILL EITHER RESULT IN THEIR EXECUTION OR THEIR COOPERATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONSIDER THE FOREGOING AND ADVISE NEW YORK OF ITS INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SUMMARY REPORT.

 BOARDMAN

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MR. BOARDMAN
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 MR. TOLSON
 MR. WALKER
 MR. WELLS
 MR. WOOD
 MR. ZANDER
 MISS GANDY
 MISS GALLAGHER
 MISS WARD
 MISS HOLLOMAN
 MISS GIBSON
 MISS BROWN
 MISS WALKER
 MR. WOOD
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
 DASH C. DAYLET. PICKETING OF WHITE HOUSE UNDER SPONSORSHIP
 CAPTURED COMMITTEE CONTINUING. FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS
 WAS THIS OFFICE. AT EIGHT PM JANUARY TWELVE LAST SEVEN
 IN PICKET LINE, NO COUNTER PICKETING. AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM THIS
 DATE SIX PERSONS IN PICKET LINE, NO COUNTER PICKETING. AT TEN
 AM THIS DATE SIX PERSONS IN PICKET LINE AND AN ADDITIONAL PERSON
 DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS, THREE PERSONS IN COUNTER PICKET LINE.

[REDACTED] POTOMAC PARK MOTOR COURT, ADVISED THAT
 FORTYFOUR PERSONS CHECKED INTO FOUR CABS JANUARY TEN LAST AND
 CHECKED OUT PRIOR TO ONE PM JANUARY ELEVEN LAST. THEY GAVE THEIR
 ADDRESSES AS FOLLOWS; THREE FROM CONNECTICUT, NINE FROM NEW JERSEY,
 THIRTYONE FROM NEW YORK, AND ONE FROM VIRGINIA. RESERVATIONS MADE
 IN ADVANCE BY UNKNOWN WOMAN WHO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED **[REDACTED]** 620
 IDENTIFYING HERSELF AS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ROSENBERG
 COMMITTEE. ON JANUARY TWELVE LAST, WAS OBSERVED TWO MORE COUNTER
 PICKETS WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS LAWRENCE E. NEWMAN, AN EX DASH
 MARSH AND EX DASH MPD OFFICER RESIDING THREE RAUGHT ONE FIVE PORTER
 STREET, N. W., D. C., AND DON HARDESTY, WHO DECLINED TO FURNISH HER
 ADDRESS. BOTH STATED THEY REPRESENTED ONLY THEMSELVES AND NO
 ORGANIZATION. NEWMAN ADVISED THAT A LARGE GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM
 A LOCAL UNIVERSITY WERE EXPECTED TO COUNTER PICKET ON

Warington

SFF:LEB
 100-25474

cc - NY 100-421-2
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JANUARY TWELVE. NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO EFFECT THAT ANY
LARGE GROUP OF COUNTER PICKETS ACTIVE AS EXPECTED. ABOVE FOR
INFORMATION.

HOOD

TRUE COPY

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Smithfield W.Va.
Jan. 6 1952

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter and a petition I received just yesterday which makes me to wonder just who they are, the Ministers names attached to the letters are all strangers to me, if they had such me as Ralph F. Sackman, Daniel Poling, or many other men of note I would have considered the letter.

I am not in sympathy with the Rosenbergs or any one that is tainted with Communism, therefore I would like you to investigate this letter and let me know what you think about it.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked January 6, 1953, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to bring the material you enclosed to my attention.

In response to your request, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and it is not within the scope of its prescribed authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual or organization. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will not infer from my inability to comment along the lines you suggest either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the group in question.

If in the future you have further data which you believe to be within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI, I hope you will not hesitate to contact the representatives of our office at 450 Union Trust Building, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- ✓ CC - New York, with copy of incoming.

ATTENTION SACs: Correspondent enclosed literature distributed by the "Sponsoring Clergymen, Post Office Box 136, Madison Square Station, New York 10, New York" in behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Rosenberg Appeal Circular.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed is literature received thru the mails by [REDACTED] forwarded to your bureau for your information.

We are turning this over to you on the chance that you might be able to determine who is sending out this stuff in this locality. We understand that your organization knows of a group of "pinkos", do-gooders and college "bleeding hearts" hereabouts in adjoining Lynbrook and East Rockaway. We are curious to know who picked us, or rather my wife, for one likely to be sympathetic to the cause of these traitors. The handwriting seems familiar but we are unable to identify it. There may be fingerprints on the paper visible to your methods. [REDACTED]

Hoping that this material may be of use to your bureau and that I could be of any service in the future in identifying these subversives, I remain,

Yours truly

[REDACTED]

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[Handwritten signature]

January 13, 1953

[REDACTED]

B7D

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked January 8, 1953, with enclosures, has been received.

I sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted you to forward this material to me. If you should receive any information in the future which you believe might be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to bring it to the attention of my representatives at 290 Broadway, New York 7, New York.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York, with copy of incoming.

ATTENTION SAC: The enclosures included literature put out by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

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[Handwritten signature]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mr. Edgar Hoover

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U. S. Dept.

of Justice F. B. I.

Washington 20, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Yes I know
that the U. S. A. is a democratic Land. But
there is some things that are going to far
in the Rosenberg case the pamphlet on
the Facts in the Rosenberg case is flooding
Canada and U. S. A. and is winning
the influence of that the Rosenbergs are
right. Do they have the right to do such a
thing. Do not think that I don't like
Jews for I am a Jew myself. The U. S. A.
cannot afford to have spies of Russia
while they are in war with Russia.

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Why if the same thing happened in
Russia they would kill them on the
same spot. It says that the Rosenbergs
only get \$700 a week my father get \$60 a week.

[redacted] and to think that the Communists
assume F.B.I. agents is incredible. If a
Russian citizen in Russia said anything about
Stalin it would be off with his head. If you
would turn on the second page on the pamphlet
where it says Greenleaf's actual qualifications
is incredible. Why even a garbage man or even
a guy without a job has just as much sense
as the President of the U.S.A. even. I am
telling you upon my opinion if a communist
went to ~~anywhere~~ stood here, ten minutes he
would come ~~running~~ back on his hands and knees.
The ~~com~~ ~~trial~~ that the trial was purely
Anti-Semitic. But I am asking you how come the
judge Mr. Kaufman was ~~not~~? I hope you would send me
letter soon for I am certainly puzzled about ~~you~~.

January 13, 1953

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked January 5, 1953, has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to let me have the benefit of your observations concerning the case you mentioned.

It was thoughtful of you to bring to the attention of this Bureau the material you forwarded, and I hope you will feel free to communicate with me again if you have further data which you believe to be within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material issued by this Bureau which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC - [REDACTED]

ATTENTION SAC, New York, and [REDACTED] Correspondent enclosed literature distributed by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Avenue of the Americas, New York 18, New York.

SAC, New York

1/14/53

FRANCIS V. GARDNER, SA. (NY 100-13644)

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Confidential Informant NY-603-S*, of known reliability, advised he learned at US National Headquarters, 11 East 51 Street, NYC, that on 1/8/53 CARL MARZANI, UE Publicity Agent, was contacted by an unidentified man from the Musical Committee of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. According to the informant, the man was in charge of music for the clemency concert to be given on 1/10/53 for the ROSENBERGS.

Informant advised that this man desired that MARZANI make the collection speech. MARZANI agreed, and said he would be at the Capitol Hotel's Carnival Room, 51 Street and 8th Avenue, at 10 p.m. on 1/10/53, to make the collection speech.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE IS DASH
DAYLET. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFORMANT SAID ALMOND LEADING MEMBER OF
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.

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PER:CG

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS

DASH C. DAYLET. ON JANUARY THIRTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED AND ONE PERSONS

PARTICIPATED IN PICKET LINE AT WHITE HOUSE UNDER AUSPICES 070

CAUTIONED COMMITTEE JANUARY ELEVEN LAST. ON JANUARY TWELVE LAST

SAS OF WFO OBSERVED SYLVIA BEINSTEIN, SI SUBJECT, PARTICIPATE IN

TRANSPORTING PICKETERS. AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM THIS DATE FOUR PERSONS

OBSERVED IN PICKET LINE. NO COUNTER PICKETS ACTIVE. AT TEN FIFTEEN

AM THIS DATE FOUR PERSONS IN PICKET LINE. ONLY INCIDENT WHICH HAS

COME TO ATTENTION OF THIS OFFICE CONCERNING VIOLENCE IN CONNECTION

WITH PICKETING HAS BEEN INDIRECT INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT ON

JANUARY TEN LAST A UNIFORMED SERVICE MAN WALKED BY PICKET LINE AND

STROCK ONE OF PICKETERS WITH FIST. SERVICEMAN THEN RAN OFF AND

POLICE UNABLE TO DETAIN OR IDENTIFY HIM. MAJOR RASPBERRY, NA

CHIEF OF U. S. PARK POLICE, ADVISED JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST THAT

THEIR PRESENT PLAN IS TO CLEAR THE AREA NOW OCCUPIED BY PICKETERS

ABOUT NINE OR TEN AM JANUARY TWENTY NEXT AFTER WHICH TIME NO ONE

WILL BE PERMITTED IN AREA WHO DOES NOT HOLD A TICKET FOR A SEAT IN

REVIEWING STANDS NEAR WHITE HOUSE. THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED ON A

CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AS PARK POLICE DO NOT WANT PICKETERS TO HAVE ANY

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FOREWARNING LEST THEY ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBERS
APPRECIABLY AND THUS MAKE CLEARING OF AREA DIFFICULT. ABOVE
FOR INFORMATION.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: 6/10/51

FROM :

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH
JUSTICE IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN
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() CSNY 425, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office, evidence concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This building is occupied by National Headquarters of the IWO.

() CSNY 426, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National State and N. Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received June 7, 1951

Identity of employee who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit SA G. A. DEANE and SA A. A. NICHOLS

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

() Placed in NY file 100-107111 Serial
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() Forwarded to you for your information and whatever action you deem appropriate.

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КРАТКИЕ НОВОСТИ

ÉDITÉ PAR LE SÉCRÉTARIAT DE LA
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INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES
UNTER DEN LINDEN 13 · BERLIN W8 · TELEFON: 521117

No. 43

28th November, 1952

SAVE THE ROSENBERGS

"By defending their liberty,
we defend ours, we defend peace."

Following the refusal by the U.S. Supreme Court to review the shocking, hysteria-ridden trial of the innocent parents, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the date for their execution was set. They are scheduled to die on January 12, 1953.

But while the U.S. Government proceeds with its plans to execute these victims of one of the most heinous political frame-ups in history, the conscience of humanity is racing with the executioner. Pleas to President Truman for Presidential clemency have been pouring into the White House, Washington, D.C., from all corners of the world.

The W.I.D.F. has again added its voice to the millions who are indignantly protesting the terrible miscarriage of justice which condemns two young parents to death and two young children to misery and loneliness. The W.I.D.F. has condemned the sentence of death against the Rosenbergs as a cruel and unprecedented action in peace time, and as an attempt to silence the peace fighters in the U.S.A. The following telegram was sent to President Truman:

"WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION LARGEST
WORLD WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING 135 MILLION
WOMEN 65 COUNTRIES AGAIN VOICES DETERMINED STAND THAT
INNOCENT PARENTS JULIUS ETHEL ROSENBERG SHALL NOT DIE
STOP ADD DEMAND TO MILLIONS WORLD OVER FOR EXECUTIVE
CLEMENCY!"

The W.I.D. urgently calls upon all its national organizations to increase and intensify their activities on behalf of the Rosenbergs. Meetings, demonstrations, resolutions, letters, telegrams - all forms of public protest must be utilized to express the horror of women and mothers at this latest evidence of the savagery of the U.S. warmakers.

From her death-cell in Sing Sing prison, Mrs. Rosenberg wrote to her two children, Robbie aged 5 and Michael who is 9, after the Supreme Court had refused to review the case -

"Your mother is in a fighting mood; and while some tears must be shed ... I'd like to be able to feel that I have conveyed, if only in some small measure, my own confidence and have lent my children some small degree of comfort and encouragement. Nor am I faking this confidence; trust me that it is real and strong."

Mrs. Rosenberg's faith and trust that the people of the world will halt the criminal plans of the U.S. Government must triumph. An insistent demand directed to President Truman, at the White House, Washington, D.C. for the commutation of their death sentence can save her and her husband's life.

Act now!

Save the Rosenbergs!

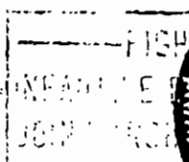
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Newletter:

This petition was brought into the firm I work for. I and others object to this. Will you please

W. J. P.

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Truly yours
[Redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 1/14/53

FROM: SA THOMAS H. MOORE

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C

On 12/8/52 [redacted] provided SA THOMAS H. MOORE with a written report which is filed [redacted] concerning a meeting of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs (LAOSJ) [redacted]

The following persons were in attendance at this meeting:

[redacted]

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Sophie Davidson
SOPHIE DAVIDSON as the chairman of the meeting introduced the principal speaker DAVID ALDERMAN (ALMAN). The informant believed that ALDERMAN (ALMAN) came from the National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs. ALDERMAN (ALMAN) stated that Judge RYAN, who is hearing the ROSENBERG appeal in New York, had a bad record toward progressive workers. He also stated that this last appeal was based on the allegation that the FBI procured the conviction of the ROSENBERGS through perjured testimony.

It was announced at this meeting that students and faculty members at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California would be contacted to gain support for the clemency appeal of the ROSENBERGS.

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On 1/5.6/53 it was announced at this meeting a parade will be held near the White House and a mass meeting will be held in the National Guard Armory in Washington, D. C. in behalf of the ROSENBERGs clemency appeal.



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SOPHIE DAVIDSON stated that she would introduce ALDERMAN (ALMAN) to some influential people in Los Angeles in order that he may solicit contributions for the Rosenberg Committee.

MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. CLEGG
MR. GLAVIN
MR. HARBO
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS
MR. ROSEN
MR. TRACY
MR. WATSON
MR. WHELAN
MR. WINTERROWD
TELE. ROOM
MR. HOLLOMAN
MISS GANDY

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FROM SAC, BOSTON

1-15-53

10:15 AM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS DASH G,
DAYLET. REBOS AIRTEL TO BUREAU JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST.

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 FEELEY
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 ROSEN
 TRACY
 W.C. Sullivan
 TELE. ROOM
 MR. NEASE
 MISS GANDY

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

DIRECTOR AND SAC

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,
 IS DASH C. DAYLIE. JEAN MICHELL DAVIDSON, AKA JO DAVIDSON,
 REPRESENTATIVE, PRINCE PRESS, SUBJ OF SM DASH C CASE, AT
 PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE FOUR PM TODAY ASKED IF
 PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAD REACHED A DECISION IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.
 THE PRESIDENT STATED THE CASE HAD NOT COME TO HIM, THEREFORE,
 HE CANNOT GIVE A DECISION ON THE CASE AT THIS TIME. ABOVE FOR
 INFORMATION.

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URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS
DASH C. DAYLET. PICKETING OF WHITE HOUSE UNDER AUSPICES

CAPTIONED GROUP CONTINUING. FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ALL MADE BY
SAS WFO. AT TWELVE TWENTY PM JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST, THERE WERE
SEVEN IN PICKET LINE AND AN ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL DISTRIBUTING
LEAFLETS AND FIVE COUNTER PICKETS FUNCTIONING. AN ADDITION TO
THE LATTER GROUP IS DAVID BIERMA, ONE SEVEN FOUR EIGHT HOBART
STREET, N. W., D. C. AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM THIS DATE THREE PERSONS
IN PICKET LINE, NO COUNTER PICKETS. AT TEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE
FIVE IN PICKET LINE AND AN ADDITIONAL PERSON DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS,
TWO COUNTER PICKETS FUNCTIONING. ON JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST, PICKETS
CHANGED SHIFTS EACH TWO HOURS, AND SO FAR THIS DATE THEY ARE
CHANGING HOURLY. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

- MR. BOARDMAN
- MR. WHELAN
- MR. McCADE
- MR. MACLENNAN
- MR. BRUGGIANI
- MR. CURRAN
- MR. FITZGERALD
- MR. GILLETTE
- MR. HALPIN
- MR. LEVVIS
- MR. MARCHESSAULT
- MR. MAUPAI
- MR. ANDREWS
- NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- MR. REGAN
- MR. RING
- MR. SPENCER
- MR. WALSH
- MR. WOHL
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100-107111

COMPLAINT FORM

Committee to Secure Justice

[Redacted]

Subject's Name and Aliases

[Redacted]

Rosenberg Case - IS-C

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Address of Subject

[Redacted]

Character of Case

Date and Time Complaint Received
1/15/53 1 PM

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:

[Redacted] who has previously provided reliable info, advised that a meeting sponsored by subject group was held approximately 1/2/53 at a school on Pleasant St. in the Quebreros Housing project. The meeting was named by JOSEPH AND ROSE LIPSMAN, 2115 34TH AVE, and also present were CHARLES EKSTAT, 2110 33RD RD, LOUISE BROWN, 2120 33RD ROAD, all in the Quebreros project. [Redacted] stated all of the above are pro-Communist. [Redacted] Above mentioned that about 20 people in attendance [Redacted]

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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COMPLAINT FORM

N.Y. Committee for Clemency
for the ROSENBERGS
Subject's Name and Aliases

[REDACTED]

Address of Subject

SM-C

Telephone Number of Complainant

Character of Case

Date and Time Complaint Received

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DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant advised telephonically that she had received a letter, by mistake, addressed to "ROBERT A. SMITH, 138 W 15th St NYC" in which there was enclosed literature from the Greenwich Village Committee of the New York Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs. This piece of literature was signed by BERENICE NOAR who was listed as chairwoman and requested that wires & telegrams should be sent to the President and a 24 hr. vigil was set up in Washington. This piece of literature also reflected that any inquiries made concerning the ROSENBERGS should be directed to BR 9-9683 or CH 2-2938 between 6 & 8 PM.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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Att. C.F. or
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Demetrius L. Barry Jr.
Special Agent

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

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Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9, 1953, addressed to the FBI, Mineola, New York.

Your cooperation in making available to this office the pamphlet you received under date of January 5, 1953, is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L. Boardman', written over the typed name.

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

JJMck:MEW

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gentlemen

As per conversation
with your office, en-
closed is literature that
was sent to me through
the mail.



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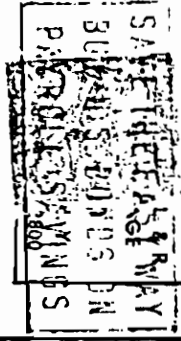
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Removal of literature enclosed & destroyed per P.A. Hamilton

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 15, 1953

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to thank you for your recent note with enclosures.

Your interest in forwarding me this information is indeed appreciated. You may be assured it will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

JAH:IM
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LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Jan 7, '53

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Dear Mr. Hoover.

In case you do not know it. --
a group of Ministers - Known as
"Sponsoring Clergymen", P.O. Box 136
Madison Square Sta. New York, - are
sending out urgent request for the
Ministers of the Country to sign &
mail the inclosed to the President.

In my opinion that is a most
unpatriotic move, - & I have written
to them & told them so, - & also, I
have sent their communication to Hon.
Dwight Eisenhower.

Sincerely,

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J. A. Harrington

January 15, 1953

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated January 7, 1953, with enclosure, has been received.

I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted you to bring this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Detroit, with copy of incoming
cc - New York, with copy of incoming
ATTENTION SAC's: The enclosure was a copy of an open letter which was addressed to the President and apparently sent to correspondent for him to sign and then forward to the White House. This letter requested the President to commute the sentence of death passed upon Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 1/15/53

FROM : SA THOMAS J. McANDREWS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE (100-107111)
IN ROSENBERG CASE

SA Fred Baumgardner, Bureau, at 9:00 A.M. 1/15/53 telephonically contacted the writer and made reference to my telephone call to him on the night of 1/12/53.

In my conversation of 1/12/53 I pointed out to SA Baumgardner that the Bureau had instructed New York to submit a report on captioned organization in order that it might be forwarded to the Department with reports on Communist front organizations. I told Mr. Baumgardner at that time that to date investigation has failed to reflect pertinent information which would bring this matter within the requirements established by the Bureau for front organizations.

On 1/15/53 Mr. Baumgardner advised me that the Bureau agreed with New York and asked that a prosecutive summary be submitted to the Bureau by 2/12/53, if in the intervening time it can be established that this organization is dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. If not, New York should submit to the Bureau by 2/12/53 an investigative summary; secondly, Mr. Baumgardner advised that because of the interest shown in this Committee by the heads of various agencies in Washington, New York Office should immediately submit a report suitable for dissemination.

I told Mr. Baumgardner this would be done. I gave the Bureau's instructions to SA John A. Harrington and instructed him to immediately comply.

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FBI WASH FIELD

DIRECTOR

URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS
 DASH C. DAYLET. ON THIS DATE COUNTER PICKETS AT WHITE HOUSE
 HAVE EXPANDED THEIR EFFORTS AND ARE DISTRIBUTING MISCELLANEOUS
 LEAFLETS IN THE FORM OF AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT TO DENY THE
 APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY OF ROSENBERGS. LEAFLET BEARS THE ^{so}PORTFOLIO
 TITLE TO THIS GROUP OF COUNTER PICKETS AS QUOTE CITIZENS COMMITTEE
 AGAINST TRAITORS UNQUOTE AND BEARS THE NAME OF TWO OF THE COUNTER
 PICKETERS CHARLES W. RAWLSTON AND MARY TOLSON, THE LATTER A
 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, SUBJECT OF PRIOR DAYLET AND TEL TO
 BUREAU, THIS DATE AND JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST, RESPECTIVELY. IN
 DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS COUNTER PICKETS ARE URGING PUBLIC TO SIGN
 LEAFLET AND RETURN. ONE COUNTER PICKET ADVISED A SA OF WFO OF
 THEIR INTENTION TO FORWARD THESE SIGNED LEAFLETS TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
 ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

- MR. BOARDMAN
- MR. WHELAN
- MR. E-GATE
- MR. MACLENNAN
- MR. PROCCINI
- MR. CURRAN
- MR. FITZGERALD
- MR. GILLISPIE
- MR. HANLIN
- MR. LADD
- MR. NICHOLS
- MR. ROSEN
- MR. TRACY
- MR. WATSON
- MR. WOOD
- MR. YERGEN
- MR. BELMONT
- MR. MOHR
- MR. WALKER
- MR. GARDNER
- MR. NEASE
- MR. DEAN
- MR. GALE
- MR. HENNING
- MR. HOFFA
- MR. JONES
- MR. KANE
- MR. QUINN
- MR. RYAN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. WOODS
- MR. WYATT
- MR. ZIEGLER
- MISS GANDY

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J.A. Hamilton

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DIRECTOR

URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS
DASH C. DAYLET. PICKETING OF WHITE HOUSE UNDER AUSPICES
CAPTIONED COMMITTEE CONTINUING THIS DATE. AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM THREE
PERSONS IN PICKET LINE, NO COUNTER PICKETERS. ON JANUARY FIFTEEN
LAST THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS PARTICIPATING
IN COUNTER PICKET LINE. CHARLES RALSTON, AGE THIRTY, HUNTINGTON,
WEST VIRGINIA, MARY TOLSON, AGE TWENTYONE, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE, MARY LOU BROPHY, ONE THREE SIX C STREET, S. E., HOWARD
E. KEYES, ONE ONE TWO ONE DASH TWENTYFOURTH STREET, NW, EMPLOYED
NAVY DEPARTMENT, RECORDS SECTION; JAMES S. BALSIGER, AGE SEVENTEEN,
ONE EIGHT NAUGHT WILLOW WOOD COURT, ESTORTON, PENNSYLVANIA; EDWARD
P. COMISKY, AGE EIGHTEEN, NINE TWO TWO JEFFERSON AVENUE SCRANTON,
PENNSYLVANIA; WILLIAM J. KESEF, AGE SIXTYTWO, NINE TWO NDIS C STREET,
N. W., MEMBER OF VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION; JOSEPH FLEWING, AGE TWENTYTWO,
ONE TWO ONE ONE FIVE DALEWOOD DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND; AND
WILLIAM D. ROBERSON, ONE SEVEN FOUR MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, S. E.
TOLSON ABOVE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE TEL SUBMITTED BUREAU JANUARY FIFTEEN
LAST, SAME CAPTION AS INSTANT DAYLET. ON JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST, NUMBER
OF PICKETS VARIED BETWEEN FIVE AND SEVENTEEN BETWEEN NINE THIRTY AM AND
FOUR THIRTY PM. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C,
IS ACT, 1950. NEW YORK IS PREPARING PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT.
LETTERS OF INSTRUCTION TO FIELD BEING SENT OUT TODAY. IT IS
REQUESTED THAT WFO CHECK RECORDS OF DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE
WHETHER CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION FAILED TO REGISTER AS A COMMUNIST
FRONT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 7 OF IS ACT OF 1950.

BOARDMAN
[Handwritten signature]

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JAH:BHT (#6)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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DATE: 1/16/53

On 12/22/52, [REDACTED] of known reliability, made available to SA MORGAN L. MIDDHUN nine press releases issued by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. [REDACTED]

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The informant also made available the following items:

- 1 - Two copies of the text of a signed petition sent by Rabbis of the State of Israel to President TRUMAN. The text was reproduced by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.
- 2 - A letter over the signature of MURIEL I. SYMINGTON, 310 Windsor Place, Brooklyn 18, N.Y., dated 12/12/52, and addressed to the Editor of the "Community Review," Harrisburg, Pa.
- 3 - Reprint of letters between ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.
- 4 - Two press releases dated 12/10 and 17/52, respectively, issued by the "Labor Committee to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs."

The above items are being forwarded herewith. No copies are being maintained by the Philadelphia Office.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS
DASH C. DAYLET. PICKETING OF WHITE HOUSE UNDER AUSPICES
CAPTIONED GROUP CEASED JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. COUNTER PICKETING
LIKEWISE CEASED SAME DATE. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS OF DISCONTINUANCE
OF PICKETING REPORTED INFORMATION OSTENSIBLY FROM A SPOKESMAN OF
CAPTIONED COMMITTEE TO EFFECT THAT PICKETING WAS DISCONTINUED OUT OF
RESPECT FOR FORTHCOMING INAUGURATION. AN ADDITIONAL COUNTER
PICKET NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WAS W. C. ELLIS, AGE FIFTYEIGHT,
FOUR FIVE NAUGHT TWO QUEENSBURY ROAD, RIVERDALE, MARYLAND. ON
JANUARY SIXTEEN LAST ONE OF COUNTER PICKETS, GENE WHEELER, ADVISED
A SA OF WFO THEY HAD QUOTE GOTTEN SOME BACKING UNQUOTE EXPLAINING
THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION WAS FURNISHING HANDBILLS IN FORM OF A PLEA
TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN THAT CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS BE DENIED. FURTHER
REFERENCE TO THESE HANDBILLS MADE IN MY DAYLET JANUARY SIXTEEN LAST.
ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

MR BOARDMAN
MR WOODMAN
MR MOHR
MR MACDONALD
MR LORING
MR HARBO
MR WINTERROWD
MR GALE
MR CLEGG
MR WOOD
MR LADD
MR TOLSON

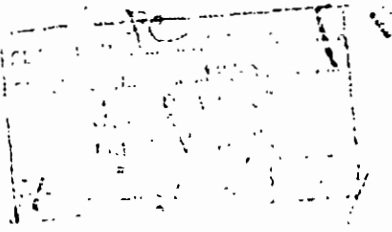
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- MR. HALPIN
- MR. LEVVIS
- MR. MARCHESSAULT
- MR. MAHONEY
- MR. MANNING
- NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- MR. REGAN
- MR. RING
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FBI, BOSTON

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2:00 P.M.

DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.
 IS DASH C, DAYLET. [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE
 ENTLY ALMAN LEADING FIGURE IN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SPOKE
 TO LOCAL GROUP JANUARY EIGHTEENTH LAST, HATTAPAN, MASS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INFORMANT SAID AT LATTER MEETING LOCAL
 GROUP FORMED QUOTE LABOR COMMITTEE UNQUOTE, HEADED BY
 PHILIP KORITZ. QUOTE LABOR COMMITTEE UNQUOTE TO ATTEMPT
 ENLIST AID OF UNION LEADERS IN CLEMENCY APPEAL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID GROUP DECIDED AGAINST PICKET LINE IN BOSTON AREA
 BECAUSE ONLY PERSONS AVAILABLE ARE QUOTE KNOWN LEFT-WINGERS
 UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] STATED ALMAN SUGGESTED FUTURE
 ACTION OF GROUP BE DIRECTED THROUGH MINISTERS. KORITZ KNOWN
 THIS OFFICE AS CP MEMBER.

HOST LETTER

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J.A. Harrington

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 1/20/53

On 1/6/53, Confidential Source PH - 240 - S of known reliability, by means of a trash cover maintained on Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, Room 205, Hardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., made available to SA ALBERT COOPER the following items:

Two copies of a leaflet issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N.Y. One copy is in English, and the other is in Yiddish. The copy in Yiddish has been translated by HARRY TOPLAN of the Philadelphia Division. The title of this leaflet is "The Letters of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG." The leaflet includes several letters exchanged between ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

These two items are being forwarded to the New York Division along with HARRY TOPLAN's translation of the Yiddish copy.

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Enclosure

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1/20/53

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C, DAYLET.
 PH-82-S* ADVISED PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN ROSENBERG
 CASE IS PLANNING A REPEAT "CLEMENCY GATHERING" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
 FOR 1/26/53. JEAN FRANTJIS, SECRETARY OF PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE,
 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING "KEY" PROGRESSIVE PARTY PERSONS;
 ANN ZUCKER IS TO SIMILARLY CONTACT CRC AND IPD OFFICIALS IN ENDEAVOR
 TO SECURE DELEGATES TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED GATHERING. EFFORTS WILL
 BE MADE TO SECURE DELEGATIONS FROM AFL, CIO, PROFESSIONAL AND
 BUSINESSMEN, JEWISH AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, TO PARTICIPATE IN
 THE VIGIL. INFORMANT EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE A ONE DAY AFFAIR AND
 A LAST ATTEMPT TO SECURE CLEMENCY IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.

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News release.

The Rosenbergs Dare Not Be Burned In The Electric Chair!

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The East Side Committee To Pardon The Rosenbergs calls upon all the inhabitants in the area to come and help save the young couple Ethel and Julius Rosenberg from death.

On Wednesday, January 7th, (exactly 5 days before January 12th when they are to be led to the electric chair) there will be a big meeting at the Great Central Palace, 90-96 Clinton Street, New York, to demand commutation of the sentence by executive clemency by President Truman.

Prominent speakers will address the meeting in English and Yiddish.

Everyone who reveres the honor of America and who want to save two young people from death, must be present to strengthen the appeal with his voice.

Don't forget! Wednesday, January 7th, 6:30 P.M., at the Great Central Palace, 90-96 Clinton Street, New York.

Sponsored by the East Side Committee For The Rosenbergs, 153 Norfolk Street.

Dear David,

Please see that this important news gets into the "Morning Freiheit" Tuesday and Wednesday.

Jack Goldman

Note: "David" is David Matis, city editor of the "Morning Freiheit".
Jack Goldman is President, Manhattan District, J.P.F.O.

Translator: SE HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ

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1050 SIXTH AVENUE
New York 18, N.Y.

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FOR RELEASE
JANUARY 5, 1953

CANADIANS BEGIN ROSENBERG VIGIL

A Canadian vigil for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg will begin January 5 in Toronto, it was learned yesterday by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

The Canadian vigil begins on the same day that the Clemency and Prayer Gathering convenes in Washington, D.C. to urge that President Truman grant clemency to the Rosenbergs who are scheduled to die during the week of Jan. 12 for alleged "spying."

More international support for the condemned father and mother came from a group of Scottish workers in Glasgow who cabled the Committee "our strong protest against the unjust sentence imposed on the Rosenbergs... We believe in their innocence and trust that justice will be done."

Meanwhile in London the Jewish Chronicle in an editorial calling for clemency for the condemned couple declared "the conscience of the civilized world will be disturbed if the Rosenbergs die."

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David Alman, Executive Secretary

Joseph Brainin, Chairman

WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS:

1867 Kalorama Road, NW

Columbia 5-0302

PRESS RELEASE

for immediate release Jan 5, 1953

CLEMENCY VIGIL AT WHITE HOUSE GROWS TO 1500 IN ITS 240th
CONSECUTIVE HOUR

The White House Clemency Vigil on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, which began on December 27th, went into its 240th hour today with over 1500 persons participating during the early afternoon hours.

The Clemency Vigil, which until today had been kept to half a dozen persons on an around-the-clock basis, was opened to permit the participation of thousands of persons who had traveled from points as far west as Los Angeles and Portland.

Ministers, labor leaders, and professional men and women of all faiths and creeds were on the Vigil at one time or another.

The Clemency Vigil is scheduled to continue through the week of January 12.

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PRESS RELEASE

for immediate release, Jan. 5, 1953

RABBI SHARFF HEADS CLEMENCY DELEGATION TO WHITE HOUSE PARDON
ATTORNEY

Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff headed today a delegation which brought to Daniel Lyons, White House Pardon Attorney, the sentiments of thousands of persons asking that the pardon attorney, who works under the Department of Justice, convey these clemency sentiments to the President.

Reverend Nolan Mills, officially representing the Baptist Ministers' Union of San Francisco, and Joseph Brainin, chairman of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, accompanied Rabbi Sharff on the delegation.

The delegation requested that the Department of Justice consent to an appeal for executive clemency, which will shortly be brought before the President.

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PRESS RELEASE

for immediate release Jan. 5 1953

CONGRESSMAN CROSSER OF OHIO OPPOSES DEATH SENTENCE

In an interview with 15 Clevelanders, part of the National Clemency Vigil in Washington on behalf of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, Congressman Robert J. Crosser reminded his constituents of his consistent public opposition to capital punishment going back as far as 1912. During that year, Mr. Crosser sponsored an amendment to the State of Ohio Constitution opposing capital punishment. He stated today,

"I have never changed my position on capital punishment. Even if these people (the Rosenbergs) are guilty, they should not be executed."

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**"WRONG YESTERDAY - RIGHT TODAY"
APPEALS COURT DECISION IN
ROSENBERG CASE CALLED
"INCREDIBLE"**

FOR RELEASE
JANUARY 2, 1953

In ruling that a new trial in the Rosenberg case should have been granted many months ago, and yet declining to grant one today, the U.S. Appeals Court has avoided the central question, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case declared today.

The Appeals Court, with Chief Judge Thomas Swan writing the opinion, ruled on December 31 that:

"We may assume that in this case [unfavorable pre-trial and during-trial publicity] a cautionary instruction would not suffice, and that if the defendants had moved for a new trial it should have been granted. But they did not so move."

The Committee declared:

"Where human life hangs in the balance, it would seem obligatory that the higher courts bend over backwards to insure utter fairness. To say that the Rosenbergs were entitled to a new trial many months ago, and yet to decline to grant them a new trial now is incredible. Should the Rosenbergs die simply because they expected, as they had a right to, that the verdict would not be influenced by unfavorable and misleading publicity? Should they be executed because of their faith in the courts? If a new trial, in the words of the Appeals Court, 'should have been granted' at that time, should the Rosenbergs die because they did not, at that time, move for one? To admit that there are grounds for calling the trial 'unfair' and then to refuse to correct the wrong can only injure the reputation of our courts in the eyes of the American people and the world.

"When one adds to this admission by the Appeals Court the sworn confession by FBI agent John A. Harrington that he abetted one of the witnesses in committing perjury against the Rosenbergs, it becomes utterly unthinkable that the Rosenbergs be sent to their deaths, beyond the hope of ever clearly establishing the truth of the charges on which they were tried."

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PRESS RELEASE

For release, January 14, 8:00 PM

Washington, D.C.— Leaders of several thousand delegates from 22 states, who have been arriving here for a "Clemency Gathering" for the Rosenbergs, appealed to President Truman tonight "to mark the close of your Administration in American history with a merciful grant of clemency" to the two young parents.

At the same time, leaders of the clemency group issued a nation-wide appeal to those of our fellow Americans who have so far hesitated to express their sentiments on this case and who have different views as to the innocence or guilt of the Rosenbergs to set aside differences on the verdict and to appeal to President Truman to "extend executive clemency".

Late this afternoon, the first 400 delegates had registered in the clemency headquarters at 1867 Kalorama Road. A contingent of thirty from Los Angeles and San Francisco, headed by an official representative of the Negro Baptist Ministers' Alliance, a group of forty from Illinois, as well as large delegations from Massachusetts, Washington State, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey had arrived.

As the delegates streamed into the capital by train, plane, bus and car, the Clemency Vigil before the White House, which had begun over a week ago, passed its 200th consecutive hour. The number of participants growing to 100 during the day.

Tomorrow, the majority of the participants of the clemency gathering will join the vigil before the White House, while others visit Congressman, Senators, and the Justice and State Departments, to convey their sentiments for clemency.

Noting that President Truman will deliver a summary of his achievements to the American people on the night of January 15th, the clemency group's appeal to the President said:

"Millions of people, here and abroad, will associate your name with this act of mercy and will bless you for your act of humaneness."

"MORE"

Their appeal also asserted: "We believe that not once in the past twenty years has the death penalty in a federal offense been allowed to stand either by you or your predecessor. A few months ago, millions greeted your act of mercy in another case. We are hopeful that you will choose this occasion to demonstrate again your capacity for compassion and mercy."

In asking the American public for clemency messages to the President, the clemency gathering's leaders declared that the president faces a "momentous decision" and that in their opinion he "welcomes the counsel of American public opinion."

They also stated that the nation's "moral prestige in these years of tension and trial, can be immeasurably enhanced with an act of mercy toward the Rosenbergs."

In its statements, the clemency group said it includes "those who believe in the fairness of the guilty verdict as well as those who believe the Rosenberg's repeated assertions of innocence" and that it represented "groups from Churches, synagogues, labor unions, anti-capital punishment associations as well as the many local Committees for Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

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(X) CSNY 426, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National State and N. Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Washington DC --

The White House Vigil seeking executive clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg enters its 384th consecutive hour at 4 pm today. Unprecedented in its duration, the Vigil has been unbroken since December 27th, notwithstanding some of the worst snow and rainstorms this city has known.

Swelled by the participation of Negro and white lawyers, ministers, students, housewives and trade unionists, the Vigil has represented citizens of 25 states, including California, Minnesota, Vermont, Michigan, Washington, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio, attracting nationwide radio, television, movie and press attention.

The National Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case announced today that the Vigil will continue. Originally conceived as an around-the-clock watch involving four or five persons at a time, the number of participants has steadily increased, reaching 1500 at one point early this week, and never going below 40 during the past week-end.

"FIRST HOUSE" RULSTRODE WAY GERRARDS CROSS BUCKS ENGLAND.

Dear Lou,

Enclosed some leaflets on the Rosenberg case, advertising a protest meeting held 26th Nov, and a ld. propoganda leaflet. Some notes on members of the National Rosenberg Defence Committee, as listed:

Miss Elizabeth A. Allen, is secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, and is a Liberal.

Prof. J.D. Bernal, F.R.S., Scientist

razi guilt. D.M. Pritt, O.C., world-famous lawyer at present defending Kenyatta in Kenya. 1935 Chmn. Reichstag Fire Inquiry Commission in London which established

Miss Monica Whately, a prominent Roman Catholic.

Percy Belcher, General Secretary of the Tobacco Workers Union, a Methodist.

Jack Stanley, of the Constructional Engineers Union.

L.C. White, Secretary of one of the Civil Service Trades Unions, (I think it is the Civil Service Clerical Association - but am not certain).

J. G. Crowther, Scientist.

Mrs. Leah Manning, former Labour M.P. for Epping, and before that for East Islington; National President of National Union of Teachers 1930-1; hon. sec Spanish Medical Aid Committee during Spanish Civil War.

Rev. Stanley Evans, social worker.

- all in personal capacity.

The London DW reported (Fri. Nov 28th) that among telegrams and messages pouring in to American Embassy in London was one telegram signed by actors Miles Malleon, Walter Kudd, Peter Copley and Mark Dignam and by singer Martin Lawrence. I do not know of any further protests from cultural figures in Britain to date, but after the week-end will telephone the NRDC and try and find out for you. As soon as I get any further information I will immediately air mail it you - or if the size of the news justifies it, cable it you.

As I am anxious to catch the last post this evening at 7pm I shall not comment now at the most interesting clippings on "Limelight" you sent me in your letter posted 4th instant. I shall try and see what I can do about Marie Seton's "Eisenstein"; I went to a most interesting lecture of hers on him last Tuesday - and was briefly introduced to her, so I have a possible way in there. The other book has been posted from the distributors here to your PO Box No, (by surface mail. Please inform me when it arrives.

"Birth of a Nation" is being shown in London, as you will learn in more detail from the "New Statesman & Nation" of the 6th Dec; (I trust you are getting it regularly a right now). Film-reviewer William Whitebait expresses grave doubts about the wisdom of its exhibition in present circumstances, saying "Griffith's film as he meant it has been accused of illiberalism; in its present form, which clips the war and respects the Klan, its effect is to set off White heroism against dogmatic Black. At any time this shift of emphasis would be, from the Negro point of view, disagreeable: at the present moment, with Malen prohibiting free assemblies, and Kenya in danger of guerrilla warfare, the showing of such a film must engender hostility...." I've followed up with a letter, which so far has not published, but which might be next week. I attacked it recently at a National Council for Civil Liberties conference at which I was their opening speaker on "Discrimination" - but more of that anon.

Best wishes,

Yours
Mavis

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DECEMBER 31, 1952

Dr. Hans Bethe, Nobel Prize winner and renowned nuclear scientist, and Abba Hillel Silver, foremost leader of American Jewish life, have appealed to Judge Irving Kaufman for reduction of the sentence of death passed on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. It was learned today by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Letters from the two American notables were submitted to Judge Kaufman in Federal Court in New York on Monday, December 29, along with statements and letters from some 200 clergymen, scientists, union officials and educators. They accompanied a legal motion by the two Rosenbergs which asked the Judge to reduce the death sentence imposed upon them.

Dr. Urey's letter, written from the Institute for Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago, assailed in the sharpest terms the credibility of the testimony by David Greenglass, on which the conviction of the Rosenbergs was chiefly based.

Stating that he had read the trial transcript, Dr. Urey declared: "I found the testimony of the Rosenbergs more believable than that of the Greenglasses."

Dr. Urey noted that Ruth Greenglass, who admitted guilt, was never brought to trial; her husband, David Greenglass, self-confessed conspirator, received 15 years; Morton Sobell and Harry Gold 30 years, and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg death sentences.

"However," his letter continued, "accepting the verdict I am amazed and completely outraged by the unjust treatment which has been given."

"The two took the witness stand and maintained they are innocent and they were convicted on testimony which I do not believe is conclusive beyond a reasonable doubt. If we are going to begin to give the death penalty for espionage, I should like to have it

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into a case in which the guilt is certain.
The Rosenbergs are or have been Communists
or sympathetic to Communist ideas. I regard such
people as unreliable generally, but I do not believe
in punishing people unless they commit crimes."

Rabbi Silver, in his letter, stated he had "accepted
the verdict of the courts in their conviction of the Rosenbergs
for violating the espionage laws of our country." Adding that he
had "no sympathy in my heart for men and women who betray their
country," Rabbi Silver declared:

"However, I believe that the death sentence which
has been imposed is unprecedented in the legal annals
of our country as a punishment for espionage in peace-
time. I believe that our country is strong and great-
hearted enough to be merciful. Should therefore an
appeal be made to the court or to the President of the
United States for clemency and for commutation of the
death-sentence, I am prepared to add my name to such
a plea."

The Rosenbergs, in their motion to the court, reiterated
that they were innocent and pointed out that the taking of their
lives would set a dangerous precedent for the country.

"We are husband and wife," they declared. "We are
firmly united by the ties of marriage, the love we bear
our two fine sons and one another. As one, we seek
relief from sentences that would produce the unutterable
trauma of the destruction of our small family, and set
a precedent for the abandonment in America of the
civilization and appreciation of the worth of human life."

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Affirming their desire for life, they stated: "We are not martyrs or do we wish to be. We do not want to die."

"We do not wish to die," they continued, "That were we to accept this verdict, express guilt, the conventional penitence and remorse, the Court's mind might be more easily swayed to mitigate our sentences.

"But this course is not open to us.

"We are innocent, as we have proclaimed and maintained from the time of our arrest. This is the whole truth. To forsake this truth is to pay too high a price even for the priceless gift of life -- for life thus purchased we could not live in dignity and self-respect."

Noting that self-confessed conspirators like Gold, Greenglass and others received only prison sentences, the two Rosenbergs stated:

"To ask for the reduction of these sentences, therefore, is to ask for justice, not mercy."

Their motion concluded: "We appeal to this Court's mind and conscience to take counsel with the reason of others and with the deepest human feelings that treasure life and shun its taking. Justice can be served for all while there is life. We ask for that justice."

Among the several hundred other clemency pleas presented to Judge Kaufman along with the motion for reduction of sentence were messages from the League of the Rights of Man, an independent human rights organization established in France in 1896 in the course of the Dreyfus Case. Among its leading members who supported the plea are President Paul-Boncour, former head of the French government and a founder of the United Nations, and Rene Cassin, distinguished French dignitary.

Other names mentioned in the plea for reduction of the sentence were Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard educator, and the 600,000 member strong London Trades Council.

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REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMAN, BUILDING TRADES JOURNAL, MASSACHUSETTS
NEWSPAPER MAKE CLEMENCY PLEAS

Edmund Riely, prominent Republican, Committeeman of the town of Cortlandt, Westchester, New York, in an open letter to President Truman published in the Ossining (N.Y.) "Citizen Register" on December 24, appealed to the President to commute the death sentence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, condemned to die during the week of January 12 on the charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage."

Noting that the constitution specifically provides that, "Treason shall consist only in levying war against the United States and in giving aid and comfort to their enemies" the Republican Committeeman's letter pointed out that this proviso specifically rules out "the giving of substantially the same penalty for deceptive larcenous acts not amounting to treason."

Mr. Riely's commutation plea for the condemned couple stressed the fact that Klaus Fuchs, English atomic scientist who admitted delivering atomic information to another nation, had received only a prison sentence, while the Rosenbergs were sentenced to die.

"My own hatred of Russian Communism and all other Communism has been frequently, unequivocally and publicly expressed; however, my concern for unwavering observance of both letter and spirit of our beloved Republic's magnificent Constitution remains far greater ... if for no other reason than as an example of Christian charity, please commute the Rosenberg's sentence."

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A front page editorial in the "Lawndale News," Chicago community newspaper, which took the form of a "letter to Santa Claus," appealed for a "gift that can only be found within the heart of one man -- the President of the United States ... the gift of life for two people who will otherwise go to their death -- the Rosenbergs."

Abraham Lincoln, the letter stressed, "would have risen above the hysteria of this day ... and would have found that he could not live with himself if these two were to die."

"Their guilt is not the issue, Santa.... Their plea is the plea of all humanity for mercy, the plea of a civilized people who can hold their hands up to the sun free of blood and guilt."

Another newspaper, "Organized Labor," published by the 80,000 member San Francisco Building Trades Council, joined the clemency plea with a leading article in its December 12 issue which begins:

"Let no one say a word in extenuation of treason. It is a terrifying crime. Notwithstanding which many Americans have been appalled at the savagery of the sentence on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of turning over information on the atom bomb to the Soviet government.

"The Rosenbergs are not beasts. They are human beings who made a truly horrifying mistake.... If we are going to emulate any state, let it be Great Britain, which has abolished capital punishment and whose own traitor, Klaus Fuchs, drew a 20-year prison sentence, no more, no less."

In Haverhill, Mass., the "Independent Gazette" in an editorial on December 11, 1952, argued for clemency for the Rosenbergs on the grounds:

"We simply do not believe that man is morally justified in taking the life of a fellow-being in cold blood on the pretext that he is thereby protecting himself by defending society.

"There is not, in our opinion, any deterrent effect in the death penalty.... Society, we are sure, should find a less deadly way of expressing its horror. If the courts fail the Rosenbergs, the President, we think, should commute the death penalty to life imprisonment."

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INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS ON VISITING YOUR CONGRESSMAN

1. Our reason for seeing Congressman is to ask two things of them:
 - a. To use their influence upon the President directly to grant clemency.
 - b. To issue a public statement urging Clemency for the Rosenbergs.
2. Members of the House of Representatives each have an office in either the New House Office Building or the Old House Office Building, both of which are opposite the Capitol. Senators can be seen in the Senate Office Building opposite the Capitol.
3. Each Congressman has an Executive Assistant in his office. Although it would be good to see the assistant as a last resort, every effort should be made to see the Congressman himself. The best time to see your Congressman is between 10 - 12 in the morning and 2:30 - 5 in the afternoon.
4. Our approach should be to present the facts of the case for clemency without discussing any other issue with the Congressman. The statements made by Dr. Harold C. Urey and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver can be cited in appealing for clemency.
5. Regardless of our personal opinions about any Congressmen, we should at all times be friendly and courteous.
6. If you are unable to see your Representative or Senator in his office, you can try to call him off the floor of the House or Senate in the Capitol building, by sending a note in to him through the Page Boy who is just outside the floor of the Senate or House.
7. There should be one spokesman in each delegation, but every member of the delegation should be prepared to speak. If possible, the spokesman should be a resident of the district which the Congressman represents. Another member of the delegation should take notes on the interview and the results should be recorded on the Report-Back Form included in this envelope.
8. Above all, we must impress Congressmen with the urgency of the case—the Rosenbergs have a week to live, and every Congressman should be pressed politely but firmly to take a stand in favor of clemency.

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From the statement of DR. HAROLD C. UREY, Chicago, Nobel Prize Winner

"....The government's case rests on the testimony of David and Ruth Greenglass, and this was flatly contradicted by Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. I found the testimony of the Rosenbergs more believable than the Greenglass'. Is it customary for spies to be paid in console tables and wrist watches? Gold, Greenglass, and Fuchs were paid in cash.

However, accepting the verdict as correct, I am amazed and completely outraged by the unequal punishment which has been given. For the same crime, Ruth Greenglass is never brought to trial, though she admitted her guilt under oath; David Greenglass gets 16 years imprisonment; Morton Sobell and Harry Gold get 30 year imprisonment; and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg get death. Only the last two took the witness stand and maintained that they were innocent, and they were convicted on testimony which I do not believe is conclusive beyond a reasonable doubt. If we are going to begin to give the death penalty for espionage, I should like to have it introduced in a case in which guilt is certain. There is consideration that helping the prosecution justifies lower sentences, but in spite of this I find the disparity of sentences most unjust.

I strongly urge a careful reconsideration of this sentence."

From the statement of RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio

"...I have accepted the verdict of the courts in their conviction of the Rosenbergs for violating the espionage laws of our country.

However, I believe that the death sentence which has been imposed is unprecedented in the legal annals of our country as a punishment for espionage in peacetime. I believe that our country is strong and great-hearted enough to be merciful. Should, therefore, an appeal be made to the court or to the President of the United States for clemency and for commutation of the death sentence, I am prepared to add my name to such a plea."

From the statement of CHARLES E. RAVEN, Chaplain to Her Majesty, the Queen of England

"I cannot but deplore the death sentence upon the Rosenbergs both in itself and from its inevitable effect upon British and world opinion."

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Washington DC--

Reverend Harold Williamson of New York City led over one hundred men and women in a prayer vigil for Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg outside the White House today. As the assembled persons stood in silence, Rev. Williamson declared, "We have come from many cities to ask that our President end his term of office with a courageous act of justice. We appeal to the Almighty to move the hearts of those in high places to grant Clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg".

Following the short service, the 24 hour vigil resumed with representatives from Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Washington and several other cities present.

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Delegations from the Far West, Middle West, South and other points will gather in Washington, D.C., January 6, 1953 to appeal for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case declared yesterday.

The Clemency and Prayer Gathering comes just seven days before the scheduled execution of the father and mother who were condemned to die after conviction for alleged espionage.

Already similar gatherings are being sponsored in Europe, as in London, where the National Rosenberg Defence Committee is sponsoring a meeting at Conway Hall and has already held meetings in world famous Hyde Park where resolutions were sent to U.S. Ambassador Walter S. Gifford.

"The eyes of the world are focused on this case," declared David Alman, executive secretary, "as witness the messages and sentiments of such peoples as Prof. Harold G. Urey, Nobel Prize winner; 14 members of the Israeli Knesset; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, French and British legal experts and 200 others in Australia, Japan, Italy and Mexico."

"We expect," declared Alman, "that the Clemency and Prayer Gathering will be thousands strong and that the President will be moved to save this mother and father from death."

Alman revealed that the London committee has announced that simultaneously with the Gathering in Washington, "we are holding a National Protest Meeting at Conway Hall in London where we shall have leading figures of the arts, sciences and professions explaining the case and calling for mass protests to the American Embassy. We shall also have a delegation of leading clergy going to the American Embassy."

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CLEMENCY VIGIL AT WHITE HOUSE IN 144th HOUR

THOUSANDS TO PETITION LAWMAKERS AND PRESIDENT FOR CLEMENCY ON
JANUARY 5th

Washington, DC -- The round-the-clock Clemency Vigil for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, which began at the White House at 4 pm on Saturday, December 27, 1952, is now in its 144th consecutive hour. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announced today that, through icy rains and freezing snow, the Vigil continued, with the participation of persons from half a dozen states. The participants included Negro and white professionals, students, housewives, businessmen and trade unionists, representing all religious affiliations.

During the ten days that remain until the scheduled date of execution of the Rosenbergs, the Clemency Vigil will include participants from throughout the midwest and as far west as California, as well as the Eastern and Southern states, which have been heavily represented since the Vigil began.

Clemency Vigil participants reported telegrams of encouragement, offers of coffee and good wishes, especially from the New Year's eve crowds.

In conjunction with the Vigil, thousands of persons, from every part of the country, are expected in Washington on January 5th, when they will form delegations to visit the President and their congressional representatives to petition executive clemency to save the lives of the young Rosenberg parents - the only Americans ever sentenced to death on a charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage."

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New Yorkers of every walk of life and belief have been asked to express their desire for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg by attending "Appeal to the President" meeting on January 8, 1953, 5 PM at the traditional gathering place of the Jewish people of this city, Straus Square at East Broadway and Rutgers Street. The call was issued by the New York Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs.

A committee spokesman declared that "letters and calls coming into the office" indicate a deep concern throughout the city for the fate of the Rosenbergs. In view of the closeness of the execution of the father and mother," he said, "it is expected that thousands of New Yorkers will gather at Straus Square to make their pleas to President Truman heard. He said that rabbis, ministers, and other prominent community leaders would participate in the meeting.

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LOCAL RELIGIOUS GROUPS ASK CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS

"Time is growing very short" to save the lives of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg was the plea of the Astoria Center of Israel Bulletin for Dec. 26, it was learned today by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case. "Please act at once," declared an editorial urging the congregation to write President Truman "asking him to commute their sentence" of death in the Sing Sing electric chair during the week of January 12, 1953.

The Bulletin declared it was convinced of the "disloyalty" of the Rosenbergs and of the "fairness" of their trial on charges of alleged passing of publicly known information to Soviet Russia.

"However the death sentence which was imposed upon them is undoubtedly much too severe in view of the time when the act was committed..."

The plea of the Bulletin was among thousands flowing toward Washington, D.C. on the eve of the Clemency and Prayer Gathering there on January 5.

Undoubtedly considering the children of the condemned mother and father, the Bulletin urged people to write "in the name of mercy and kindness...a post card or brief letter is all that is necessary to express your thoughts on the matter."

"The ultimate decision is now in his hands," declared the Bulletin of President Truman, "but he will be guided by public opinion and response."

MORE

Meanwhile Rabbi Adolph Klein of Brooklyn declared in a message to President Truman:

"While there is a doubt of the wisdom of the sentences, the executions should not be carried out.

"In the name of my Congregation Ans he Emmeth of Coney Island (N.Y.City) and myself I am appealing for mercy..." declared Rabbi Klein in his message to the President concerning the looming electric chair execution of the father and mother of two children for alleged espionage.

"We all feel that the sentence is shocking and unjust... Why were others implicated in the plot treated less severely? In our opinion it is not certain from the court records that the accused were as crucially important in the spy network as they were made out to be," continued Rabbi Klein.

Further asserting that "God alone knows the truth in this tragic case," Rabbi Klein urged that "for the sake of their two young children, grant them their life."

"Our allies will surely be disturbed and confused for they look upon our country as the haven of justice and humanity."

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**WHITE HOUSE CLEMENCY VIGIL ENTERING 144th CONSECUTIVE HOUR.
JANUARY 5 DELEGATIONS ARRIVING FROM EAST, WEST, MIDWEST
COMMITTEE SCORES ATTEMPTS TO PIN POLITICAL LABEL ON MERCY**

The Clemency Vigil at the White House on behalf of commutation for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg is now entering its 144th Consecutive hour, it was announced today by the National Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case. The Vigil began on Saturday, Dec. 27th.

The number of persons participating in the Vigil, at one time or another, from all sections of the country has now grown to more than 200. It is estimated that over a 1000 persons will have participated by the end of next week.

Delegations from California east to Chicago and New England have already begun to arrive in the nations' capital for a series of visits on Jan. 5 with Senators, Congressmen and government officials.

In a reply to attempts in some quarters to pin a political label on the nationwide sentiment for clemency, the Committee declared: "It is an insult to the American people - and particularly to its ministers of all faiths - to insinuate that their sentiments for mercy for the Rosenbergs arise from any political source. Only an unregenerate Scrooge would be shocked to discover that mercy has no selfish end - or that it exists at all. The nationwide sentiment for Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg exists independently of the will of any group or party, and arises out of the normal doubts and humaneness with which our fellow Americans are, with a few exceptions, endowed."

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PRESS RELEASE

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Washington DC -- Mary Church Terrell, 89-year-old Negro leader known throughout the world as educator, lecturer, linguist and fighter against injustice, today wrote President Harry S. Truman, urging that he extend executive clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

The noted leader said, in part, "I do not know whether they are guilty or not. I am not an expert on atomic science, but I do know that many persons whose knowledge and devotion to this country I respect deeply do believe there is some doubt about their guilt. Many more devoted Americans think that even if they are guilty, death in the electric chair is a punishment too severe ... I plead with you, Mr. President, to stay the executioner and let the Rosenbergs live."

Mrs. Terrell was, in 1895, one of the first two women and the first Negro woman ever to be appointed to the District of Columbia School Board. She assisted in the organization of the National Association of Colored Women, served many years as its first president and was voted a life honorary chairmanship. She also helped organize and became a charter member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1909, and her many awards include one from the Washington Chapter of the Americans for Democratic Action for her outstanding work against segregation and discrimination. In recent years, she has enlisted co-workers of all races and creeds in the fight to end segregation in the District of Columbia.

The text of Mrs. Terrell's letter to the President follows:

Dear Mr. President:

I appeal to you with all the strength that my deep devotion to my America gives me - please save the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

I do not know whether they are guilty or not. I am not an expert on atomic science, but I do know that many persons whose knowledge and devotion to this country I respect deeply do believe there is some doubt about their guilt. Many more devoted Americans think that even if they are guilty, death in the electric chair is a punishment too severe. As you know, this is the first time in the history of our country that such a sentence has been imposed in such a case.

Mr. President, I have had a life rich in opportunities and rewards. I have seen many injustices doen in my time. I know America can outlive injustices.

But I have seen my country grow in strength and reach out toward true brotherhood. I have seen it rise in the esteem of millions of my people and other peoples throughout the world.

I believe the United States of America is too big, too generous to be unmerciful. I believe America is strong enough to afford generosity.

But I know no nation is big enough or strong enough to become spiteful and unmerciful. What, Mr. President, if future developments make it clear that the Rosenbergs are not guilty? What if that discovery comes too late?

As one who has lived richly in America, who loves America and respects America, I plead with you, Mr. President, to stay the executioner and let the Rosenbergs live.

Earnestly yours,

Mary Church Terrell

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PROMINENT DETROIT ATTORNEY HEADS CLEMENCY DELEGATION TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Isadore Starr, a prominent attorney and Jewish leader of Detroit, was spokesman for a delegation to Mr. James R. Browning, executive assistant to Attorney General McGranery. Others on the delegation were Mr. John Wexley, prominent writer, best known for the Theater Guild success "They Shall Not Die", a play about the Scottsboro Case with which Mr. Wexley was intimately connected, and Mr. William Esterman, a prominent Los Angeles attorney and officer of a California bar organization.

The delegation requested that the Department of Justice, by taking cognizance of the grave doubts of guilt shared by many Americans, consent to any actions which may be made to the courts or to the President, which would reopen the trial or, at the very least, commute the death sentence.

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**NATION-WIDE CLEMENCY GATHERING OF 2500 SPENDS DAY INTERVIEWING
SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN**

2500 persons, from 22 states, including California, Washington State, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and New York, spent today, January 5, apprising their senators and congressmen of the tremendous sympathy for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg developed in their communities.

At a report-back meeting at 4:30 PM at the Hotel 2400, Washington, D. C., the leaders of the 100-- odd delegations reported that a substantial number of those whom they had visited were impressed by the fact that the Rosenbergs were the first Americans ever sentenced to death in peacetime or wartime on such a charge.

Indications are that within a very few days the senators and congressmen will be prepared to make their views known to the President either privately or publicly.

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Now in its **96**th hour...

THE PRAYER VIGIL AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS!

Only **12** days left before
date of execution

"After plowing through volumes of the evidence presented in this tragic case, I am not convinced, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the Rosenbergs are guilty!"

RABBI LOUIS B. GROSS, EDITOR,
JEWISH EXAMINER, NEW YORK.

"I cannot but deplore the death sentence upon the Rosenbergs both in itself and from its inevitable effect upon British and world opinion."

CHARLES E. RAVEN, CHAPLAIN TO
HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN.

"The Bulletin does not question the conviction.... We do feel, however, that the request for clemency directed to President Truman... is fully justified...."

FROM THE JEWISH WESTERN BULLETIN OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL OF VANCOUVER

WRITE OR WIRE PRES. TRUMAN TODAY
Ask him to grant executive clemency
to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

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ROSENBERGS WRITE OF THEIR CHILDREN FROM SING SING

The tender love and deep concern of a father for his children was the gist of a recent letter written by Julius Rosenberg from the Sing Sing death house where he and his wife Ethel face execution during the week of January 12. The Rosenbergs' letters have been increasingly concerned with the welfare of their two boys Michael and Robert. Following are excerpts from their most recent letter:

I received an excellent letter from the children. The joy of reading Michael's own handwriting and hearing about his accomplishments in his own youthful account of the activities he is participating in brought his precious presence so close to us.

"I'm very happy they're both progressing beautifully at school, at school, at play and most of all that they're surrounded by great love and deep affection. It does us great honor to see such devotion and care visited upon our children."

Rosenberg went on to relate how the knowledge that their children were being cared for "inspired me and with this stimulus I sent out a batch of Chanukah cards the Jewish chaplain gave me. To our sweet children I composed a few verses. I must confess it is my first attempt and I hope the sentiment is properly expressed.

"This I want to say to the great number of people who have come to our support -- I am just a plain ordinary guy and I don't profess to be anything extraordinary or special. I feel my greatest accomplishment is being a successful father to my two boys. It is because of them and of all children, that my first duty in life is to work for their future."

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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CALIFORNIA LAWYERS CIRCULATE CLEMENCY APPEAL FOR ROSENBERGS

Three prominent California lawyers have written to nearly 1,000 members of the California bar urging that they appeal to President Truman for executive clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, it was learned yesterday by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. They are Robert W. Kenny, former California State Attorney General; Chaim Shapiro, leader in the Jewish community; and William B. Eberman, president of the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills chapters of the National Lawyers Guild.

In their joint letter dated December 23, 1952, the three lawyers raised several points of law declaring "although Supreme Court review has been denied, society has provided one last remedy for the Rosenbergs, i.e., executive clemency. In the interest of good administration of American justice, we ask you to join us in requesting that the President commute the sentences to life imprisonment."

The lawyers dealt with four points in their letter:

(1) The trial and the sentencing took place in an atmosphere of unprecedented animosity against these defendants, directly resulting from pre-trial publicity fed to the press by the Department of Justice. (Reversal of a conviction upon this ground in *Delaney v. U.S., C.A.1* - Oct. 10, 1952 - 199 F. (2d) 107). Among other ways, this prejudice was carried to the jury in the form of repeated irrelevant references to defendants' alleged Communist Party membership..."

(2) Although Judge Jerome Frank, of the 2nd Circuit, in affirming the conviction, said that without the testimony of David Greenglass, "the conviction could not stand" .. the testimony of this witness is open to question..."

The lawyers pointed out that Greenglass, while admitting he knew no physics or mathematics claimed he'd prepared an atomic-bomb "cross-section diagram" and handed it to the Rosenbergs. They further showed that while

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Greenglass "testified that he had confessed espionage upon his arrest...the government has subsequently admitted that his confession occurred only after prolonged negotiations with him had taken place. It is noteworthy that, though self-confessed, he was subsequently sentenced to a comparatively mild 15 years' imprisonment on recommendation of the prosecution."

Third they noted that while many scientists hold that there is no atom bomb secret, "the trial proceeded on the theory as stated by the prosecution, the Rosenbergs stole "the one weapon that might well hold the key to the survival of this nation."

And lastly "though there was no evidence whatever introduced of any causal connection between the alleged acts of the defendants and the Korean War, the court stated, as a reason for passing sentence of death that the defendants had by their acts "...caused, in my opinion, the Communist aggression in Korea." This would seem to be a clear case of erroneous reliance on unsubstantiated assertions concerning matters not subject to judicial determination in a particular case. That such a consideration would have a highly prejudicial effect on the defendants' sentence can hardly be questioned."

The lawyers pointed out that never in the history of our country has a civil court decreed a death sentence for espionage... To do so here, even assuming the justice of the conviction for espionage (for a then wartime ally) would, we believe, only hurt the name of the United States."

"Believing that as lawyers we have a paramount duty to speak out on such occasions, we ask you to join with us, whether for reasons of doubt as to guilt or as to fairness of the trial or the sentence or general opposition to capital punishment or for still other reasons, in communicating with the President of the United States your request that the lives of the Rosenbergs be not taken..."

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 21, 1953

[REDACTED]
Brooklyn 11, N.Y.

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge your note of January 14, 1953, with enclosure.

Your interest and courtesy in forwarding this material to me are appreciated. You may be assured this matter will be given appropriate attention.

However, this Bureau has no authority to prevent anyone from mailing literature of this type.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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*Literature enclosed
re. Clemency report
for Rosenbergs has been
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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

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DATE: 1/21/53

On 12/30/52, Confidential Source PH - 240 - S of known reliability, by means of a trash cover maintained on Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, Room 205, Hardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., made available to SE ALBERT COOPER the following item:

A copy of a letter dated 10/22/52, from JOHN PAUL JONES to Mr. EMANUEL H. BLOCH. This letter states JOHN PAUL JONES' views on the trial of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. The closing sentence read as follows:

"You may quote this letter in full, if you so desire." The letter was signed by JOHN PAUL JONES.

A copy of this item is not being retained by the Philadelphia Division. The copy referred to in this letter is being forwarded to the New York Division.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - DAYLET. CI NK 1830-S REPORTED THAT THE N.J. COMMITTEE FOR

CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS HAD RECEIVED A SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. STATING THAT SENATOR SMITH AND SENATOR HENDRICKSON SEEMED TO BE AMENABLE TO SPEAKING UP FOR CLEMENCY AND, THEREFORE, PRESSURE IS TO BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THESE TWO MEN IN THE FORM OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS. IT IS THE PLAN OF LEWIS MOROZE OF THE N.J. CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS TO HAVE ALL HIS CONTACTS WRITE LETTERS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND AS A MATTER OF FACT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE WHOLE CLEMENCY APPEAL FOR THE ROSENBERGS DIRECTED TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SHOULD BE REINSTITUTED. IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED BY A NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROSENBERG COMMITTEE THAT "THE WASHINGTON OFFICE (ROSENBERG COMMITTEE OR CRC) HAS SENT OUT THIS SOS THEY MUST HAVE SOME CONTACTS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND PROBABLY KNOW WHATS WHAT ON DEMANDING THE NEW PRESSURE."

- MR. BOARDMAN
- MR. WHELAN
- MR. ESCAPE
- MR. MAGLENIAN
- MR. PENNINGTON
- MR. CARRAN
- MR. FITZGERALD
- MR. GILLOFF
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Veterans Fathers Auxiliary Inducts 5 Members of Family

A memorable meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fathers of United States Veterans, Inc. was held last night in Borough Hall when five members of one family—the Falbbi family—were inducted into the organization. Those who became members were Mrs. Anthony Falbbi of 47 Babcock St., Manhattan; Leonard Falbbi, 100th St., Mrs. Rose Falbbi, 100th St., Grand St., Mrs. Joseph Falbbi, 100th St., and Mrs. Joseph Falbbi, 100th St. Mrs. Falbbi, auxiliary president, conducted the new members into the prayers were by Mrs. Mary Ann Porter, the president's mother, who at

the Golden Star Mother in Brooklyn and is chairman of the auxiliary. The Fathers of United States Veterans also held a meeting and plans were completed for the Banquet and Ball to be held on next Saturday at the Elmhurst on Nov. 23. The proceeds, with other funds, will be used to purchase cigarettes for servicemen and toys for the children of servicemen, and especially the children of Gold Star Wives whose husbands have given their lives in the Korean fighting.

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12626th STREET and SUNRISE HIGHWAY

BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK 20, N. Y.

Jan 8, 1952

Mr J. E. Hoover
S. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

I thought I'd bring this to your attention
I cut this piece out of the paper No 1 I called up Mrs Anthony
Sachhi Waters 3247 and told her I had a son in for
and would like to join up. But I didn't want to join anything
that was in favor of the United Nation. She told me she
couldn't give me that information. I'd have to go to the
meeting the first Tuesday in every month and see the President
Mr Goldberg I went down to Borough Hall old Building
Brooklyn room No 9 at 8 o'clock Jan 6, 1952 and met many
in charge of Building. He told me Mr Goldberg was there
that afternoon and said there won't be any meeting at all
the members are away. I said who would they be. He
didn't know. After reading paper No 2 on Jan 7 I called
Mrs Sachhi again and told her I was down with meeting Hall
and met a man that said all the members were in Washington
was that right she told me she didn't know said I could call
her sister Mrs Savino Main 4 3823 she said her
sister worked with Mr Goldberg at the Squibb Pharmacy

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in Brooklyn I called and pretended I wanted to go to the
 next meeting and wanted to know why this was put off
 she didn't know I told her a man told me that they were
 all in Washington in the picket line and she said maybe
 that's why they didn't have a meeting. She said Goldber
 is an ex-soldier left from here and he was a pretty busy
 man but she would see him and find out and I could
 call her back and she would let me know. I for what
 told me men and women go to the meetings
 they look like a Louis outfit and
 might even be Communist if they are in the picket line
 they surely are no good.

Respectfully yours
 Alfred Benson

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January 21, 1953

~~W. F. RYAN~~
~~Special Agent in Charge~~
~~South Ozone Park 20, New York~~
SOUTH Ozone Park 20, New York

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Dear Mr. Renson:

Your letter postmarked January 8, 1953, and the enclosures have been received. Your interest in submitting this information is indeed appreciated.

In the event you receive additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office located at 290 Broadway, New York 7, New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

2 cc - New York (with Photostats of incoming and enclosure)

SAC, New York:

Correspondent forwarded newspaper articles designated as No. 1 and No. 2. Copies of No. 1 are attached. Article designated as No. 2 was column of Ruth Montgomery which appeared in "New York Daily News," January 6, 1953, with reference to clemency activities on the part of Communists for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. In this article correspondent specifically marked a statement to the effect that a special train brought hundreds of New York Reds to Washington on that date.

Bureau files contain no identifiable derogatory information re correspondent.

Bureau files have been checked concerning the individuals mentioned in the attached newspaper clipping and no record was found for the following individuals:

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Mrs. Anthony Taibbi
Mrs. Anthony Lagrasso
Mrs. Joseph Senina, Jr.
Mrs. Maxine Fachetta
Mrs. Mabel Danielinski

One reference to Leo Scaduto appears in the report of SA Anthony P. Litrento, December 21, 1948, in case captioned "Rugby, Espionage - YU & R," New York file 65-14852. On page four of this report it is indicated automobile registered to Leo J. Scaduto, 27 Ocean Avenue, Rosebank, New York, was observed at the pier during the stay of the "Radnik" at the Port of New York during October 23 to 29, 1948.

SAC, New York - You are requested to check the names listed above through your office files for identifiable data and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions governing security cases.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: January 22, 1953

FROM : SA E. K. DEANE

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() CSNY 425, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office, evidence concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This building is occupied by National Headquarters of the IWO.

(X) CSNY 426, of known reliability, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above-captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th St., N.Y.C. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are all under the control of the Communist Party: Publishers New Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; F & D Printing Co.; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation. Prior to September, 1951, the National State and N. Y. County offices of the Communist Party also occupied these premises.

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WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS
1887 Kalorama Road NW
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PRESS RELEASE

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URGE CLEMENCY MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT-ELECT EISENHOWER IF PRESIDENT
TRUMAN FAILS TO ACT FAVORABLY

WHITE HOUSE VIGIL CLOSES

Washington DC -- On the night of January 14th, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg might have been electrocuted, with incalculable injury to our country's traditions of fairness and mercy. This irrevocable tragedy has been averted, momentarily, by a stay of execution for which millions of Americans prayed and worked tirelessly.

The Clemency Vigil which began at the White House on Saturday, December 27, 1952 - when it appeared possible that the Rosenbergs might be executed during the week of January 12th - will close at noon on Saturday, January 17th, after being conducted for more than 500 consecutive hours. It was participated in by lay and religious leaders of 22 states, and on January 5th was joined in by 1500 persons

We urge the many thousands who took part in the Clemency Vigil to return to their communities, inspired by their experiences at the Vigil and by their discussions with Senators, Congressmen and other government officials, to continue those efforts and actions which have already moved millions of Americans to seek clemency for the Rosenbergs.

The clemency decision may be made by President Truman or President-elect Eisenhower. The work and activities of those seeking clemency remains the same: to multiply by many times the great number of Americans who have already written to the President, or who have in other ways signified their desire that executive clemency be granted. We are hopeful that the President will be moved by the unmistakable, nation-wide sentiment for clemency.

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PRESS RELEASE

for immediate release January 12
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Washington DC --

The White House Vigil seeking executive clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg enters its 384th consecutive hour at 4 pm today. Unprecedented in its duration, the Vigil has been unbroken since December 27th, notwithstanding some of the worst snow and rainstorms this city has known.

Swelled by the participation of Negro and white lawyers, ministers, students, housewives and trade unionists, the Vigil has represented citizens of 25 states, including California, Minnesota, Vermont, Michigan, Washington, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio, attracting nationwide radio, television, movie and press attention.

The National Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case announced today that the Vigil will continue. Originally conceived as an around-the-clock watch involving four or five persons at a time, the number of participants has steadily increased, reaching 1500 at one point early this week, and never going below 40 during the past week-end.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Washington DC--

Reverend Harold Williamson of New York City led over one hundred men and women in a prayer vigil for Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg outside the White House today. As the assembled persons stood in silence, Rev. Williamson declared, "We have come from many cities to ask that our President end his term of office with a courageous act of justice. We appeal to the Almighty to move the hearts of those in high places to grant Clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg".

Following the short service, the 24 hour vigil resumed with representatives from Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Washington and several other cities present.

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Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case

JOSEPH BRAININ
Chairman
DAVID ALMAN
Executive Secretary

1050 SIXTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
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January 12, 1953

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Dr. John L. Simca
Leon Straus
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Dr. Gene Wolfish

Dear Friend:

Today the clemency appeal of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg is on the desk of the President. A stay of execution has been won which will continue until five days after the President acts. The President may act at any time now. Our campaign for clemency must be stepped up now in every respect. More letters and telegrams must pour into Washington.

Our whole program of activity must be increased immediately

1. Vigil The Washington Vigil has been well attended since the delegation, but constant attention must be paid to keep people going down to Washington daily. Meanwhile local vigils are going forward. The Lower East Side Committee is maintaining a vigil at Delancy and Norfolk Streets, now in its second week. If you or your group are not planning an action of your own, report to the headquarters of the East Side Committee at 158 Livingston Street and give them a hand.

2. Open Air Meetings Local committees should plan to hold sound truck meetings in their neighborhoods

3. Ads Local groups should make every effort to place ads in local papers. If you cannot, contact the N.Y. Committee so that we can place the ads in other cities throughout the state.

4. Visiting Congressmen A good job has been done in many communities. We should keep the delegations going until a definite commitment is won. Send us reports of your visits.

5. Mailings Only 94,000 pieces of mail have actually gone through the post office. Our committees have taken twice as many pieces, but haven't mailed them. All committees should resume the mailings at once. Kits are available at the Committee headquarters.

6. Canvassing should be scheduled.

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7. Leaflet distributions and tables for collection of letters and telegrams in all communities.
8. Get meetings in synagogues and churches. Use the statements of Rabbi Silver and others to persuade them.
9. Special events should be worked out for Inauguration Day, January 20, 1953, provided clemency is not extended before them. These actions should highlight the demand for clemency as the first act of the new administration.
10. Money is urgently needed. Please send all funds into the Committee.
11. Get local organizations to schedule debates or forums on the Rosenberg Case. We will be happy to provide speakers.

This is the big push for clemency. Already the clemency movement is involving larger and larger numbers of people, but greater activity is needed. Every committee should get in full reports of their activity. If you let us know when your committee or other meeting occurs, we will be happy to attend to help you work out your problems.

We are dedicated to the great task of saving two lives, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. We can win clemency. Let us all do our very best.

Cordially,

Aaron Schneider
Aaron Schneider
Executive Secretary
New York Committee

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**NOTABLES WHO HAVE
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NEWCOMER (Ret.); REV. CLARENCE
HERRIOTT; HONORABLE SIDNEY SILVER-
MAN, Member of Parliament, Great Britain;
PROF. STEPHEN LOVE, Chairman of Chica-
go and Finest Committee of Illinois Su-
preme Court; WALDO FRANTS, author; REV.
JOHN PAUL JONES, Union Church of Bay
Ridge, Brooklyn; RABBI ABRAHAM CROW-
BACH; DOROTHY DAY, editor of the Catho-
lic Worker; RABBI G. GEORGE FOX, Chicago;
RABBI DR. MEYER SHARFF; DR. GEORGE
SARTON, Professor of Mathematics, Harvard
University and President of the International
Union of the History of Science; RABBI
FRANKLIN COHN; HONORABLE ROBERT
KENNT, Los Angeles; DR. W. E. B. DU
BOIS, author; REV. AMOS MURPHY, Boston;
REV. STEPHEN FRITZMAN, Los Angeles;
NORMAN THOMAS; NELSON ALDRIN, au-
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sociated with the Catholic Worker (Mc-
Harrington, Robert Ludlow, Martin C.
Lizdore Fazio, Charles McCormack, Roger
O'Neil); PROF. ROLAND H. BAUNTON, Yale
University School; DR. PAUL L. WHITELY,
Franklin and Marshall College; RABBI ABRA-
HAM HORVITZ; REV. H. H. LESTER; RABBI
L. A. GREENBERG; REV. THOMAS MCCAND-
LESS, New York; REV. CHARLES WILLIAM
CAMIBELL, Albany, N. Y., and thousands of
others. (Names of organizations and institu-
tions are given solely for purposes of identi-
fication.)

National Committee to Secure Justice
in the Rosenberg Case
1000 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y.

THE ROSENBERGS MUST LIVE!

Hundreds of Thousands of Americans
are appealing for Clemency!

Their Execution Is Set for the Week of January 12th!

011-242

**For the first time Americans have been
sentenced to death on such a charge!**

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were indicted in 1950, charged with giving atomic in-
formation to Russia in 1944, when she was our wartime ally. With their co-defend-
ant, Morton Sobell, they protest their innocence to this day. On April 5, 1951 Morton
Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison, and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to the
electric chair.

Eminent attorneys, such as Prof. Stephen Love and D. N. Pritt, Queen's Counselor,
believe there is definitely grave and reasonable doubt about their conviction. But
now the immediate issue is not guilt or innocence, or the vindication that time may
bring. *The issue now is to save the Rosenbergs from the unjust, un-American, un-
equal sentence of death. No other Americans, not even convicted traitors like Axis
Sally and Tokyo Rose, received the death sentence.*

**MILLIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD, WHETHER THEY BELIEVE
THEM GUILTY OR INNOCENT, ARE ASKING THE PRESIDENT
FOR CLEMENCY**

What you can do to save their lives:

1. Send a letter, telegram, or postal card to the President, The White House, Washington, D. C., respectfully urging him to commute the death sentence for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.
2. Send a similar letter, telegram, or postal card to your own Congressman and to your two U.S. Senators, respectfully urging them to speak up for a commutation of sentence for the Rosenbergs.
3. Ask your organization—church, union, synagogue, veterans' group, women's auxiliary, social club, bridge club—to send similar letters to the President and other officials.
4. Write to your local-newspaper, and visit the editors with a delegation, asking them to speak up editorially for equal American justice for the Rosenbergs.
5. Send a contribution—whatever you can afford—to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case to help us carry on this work. Checks may be made out to Joseph Brainin, Chairman, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y. Tell us what else you think should be done.

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World Public Opinion Clamors For Clemency

DOROTHY THOMPSON,
The Washington Star, April 12, 1951:
"The death sentence . . . depresses me . . . in 1944, we were not at war with the Soviet Union. . . . Indeed, it is unlikely that had they been tried in 1944 they would have received any such sentence."

MAX LERNER,
New York Post, June 19, 1952:
"I agree that the death sentence was unprecedented and harsh."

The Very Rev. C. W. CHANDLER,
Dean of Wakeham, Hamilton, New Zealand, October 27, 1952:
"As heinous as the offense may be, it does not merit a death sentence, and I cannot believe that in this instance the president of your republic will allow this sentence to stand."

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD,
Article by editor Hillel Rogoff, October 16, 1952:
"When Judge Irving Kaufman passed the death sentence on the Rosenbergs, the Jewish Daily Forward wrote that the sentence was too horrible. We have not changed our minds. . . . We express our hope that the president will save the Rosenbergs from the electric chair."

THE NATION,
Article by Arthur Garfield Hays, November 8, 1952:
". . . We may try, but we cannot forget

the two young Rosenberg children. . . . It is the damnable death penalty that causes the uneasiness."

JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL,
Column by Jacob Glatsstein, October 29, 1952:

"One can readily see that America can very well agree not to snuff out the lives of the Rosenberg couple and not to give them the maximum penalty, which our country has never before given anyone in time of peace, and which was not given even to Dr. Klaus Fuchs, who much more directly, scientifically and consciously betrayed his country."

JEWISH DAY,
Editorial, October 16, 1952:
". . . believing in our democratic system of justice and in the just application of our laws, we feel that we are entitled to appeal to the President that he should commute the death sentence."

THE CHURCHMAN,
(Protestant Episcopalian), in an editorial on November 1, 1952:

"The Churchman feels that the death sentence, in the light of the far milder treatment of more serious offenders than the Rosenbergs, is both excessive and cruel. We believe that the execution of these two individuals will only hurt the name of the United States. . . ."

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1952

The New York Times

JERUSALEM SENDS A ROSENBERG PLEA

20 Religious Leaders Urge Truman Clemency for Pair
Condemned as Spies

Special to The New York Times
JERUSALEM, Nov. 18—Twenty prominent rabbis and religious leaders in Jerusalem appealed to President Truman today to exercise clemency on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The New York couple is under sentence to die in Sing Sing Prison for passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. The petition, sponsored by Jerusalem relatives of the condemned spies, said:
"We can hardly imagine that Jews anywhere in the world and especially in a glorious country like the United States should act against the interests of the state. At least we are not aware of such an instance in the long history of the Jewish people.
"Similarly, we are not aware of any precedent where a person has been condemned to death in a democratic country for offenses alleged in this case in time of peace."
The rabbis appealed to the President's sense of humanity and noted that the prisoners could do no further harm if they remained in custody.
The signatories included officials of the Chief Rabbinate and well-known Talmudic sages. Chief Rab-

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: January 22, 1953

FROM : SA J. E. GIBLER

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DR. CLEMENS J. FRANCE,
Chairman
BERNARD GERSTEN,
Secretary-Treasurer

January 12, 1953

Dear Friends:

We think you will be pleased to know that the enclosed advertisement appeared simultaneously in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Washington Evening Star, and the Cleveland Plain Dealer on Monday, January 5th. Unfortunately no major New York newspaper would accept this or any ad on the Rosenberg Case.

Because the time is so short, we are extremely anxious to circulate this message to as many people as possible. We will make this reprint available to your committee or organization immediately at the following rates, prepaid:

\$2.50 per hundred
10.00 per five hundred
15.00 per thousand

If your committee is thinking of reproducing the advertisement in any newspaper or periodical, kindly contact this committee before doing so.

Because of the urgency of this matter, we hope you will act quickly.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Gersten
Bernard Gersten
Secretary-Treasurer

P.S. You will notice that the first paragraph of the leaflet reads, "Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are scheduled to die the week of January 12". This paragraph will be revised to bring the issues up to date in the reprint.

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WASHINGTON EVENING STAR,
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appeals for clemency

from Americans

Dr. Harold C. Urey, SCIENTIST (*Excerpts from letter filed with Judge Irving R. Kaufman, U.S. District Court, on application for judicial commutation of sentence Dec. 30, 1952*)—"Dear Judge Kaufman: I am writing to urge you to change the sentence of death imposed on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to a lesser punishment. . . . Accepting the verdict as correct, I am amazed and completely outraged by the unequal punishment which has been given. For the same crime Ruth Greenglass is never brought to trial though she admitted her guilt under oath; David Greenglass gets 15 years imprisonment; Morton Sobell and Harry Gold get 30 years imprisonment; and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg get death. Only the last two took the witness stand and maintained that they are innocent, and they were convicted on testimony which I do not believe is conclusive beyond a reasonable doubt. . . . I strongly urge a careful reconsideration of this sentence."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver (*Excerpts from letter filed with Judge Irving R. Kaufman, U.S. District Court, on application for judicial commutation of sentence Dec. 30, 1952*)—" . . . I believe that the death sentence which has been imposed is unprecedented in the legal annals of our country as a punishment for espionage in peace-time. I believe that our country is strong and great-hearted enough to be merciful. Should, therefore, an appeal be made to the Court or the President of the United States for clemency and for commutation of the death sentence, I am prepared to add my name to such a plea."

Dr. Bernard Loomer, THE DIVINITY SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO —
". . . the insistence on the death penalty in the Rosenberg case may well be indicative of a country's weakness rather than an act growing out of strength. . . . We should interpret this problem in terms of principle and not in terms of hysteria."

Dr. Rudolf Carnap, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, PRINCETON, N. J.—

strongly urge you to exercise executive clemency in the Rosenberg Case. No one except the vengeful-minded and the petty-minded will blame you for this. To the vast majority, to those who have faith in the greatness of our heritage, your act will be an indication of your stature as a man and a leader."

- and: Peter Blume, Artist, Connecticut
- Millen Brand, Writer, New York
- Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, Cincinnati
- Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes, Philadelphia
- Rev. John Paul Jones, New York
- Stephen Love, Prof. of Law, Northwestern University
- Rabbi Uri Miller, Baltimore
- and countless others

from other countries

ENGLAND

"... I contemplate with horror the possibility that the death sentence could be carried out ..."

SYDNEY SILVERMAN
Member of Parliament

"... I cannot but deplore the death sentence upon the Rosenbergs both in itself and from its inevitable effect upon British and world opinions."

PROF. CHARLES E. RAVEN
Chaplain to Her Majesty, The Queen

"... my Council which represents the Trade Unionists of London ... placed on record their horror and dismay at the death sentence passed on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg."

LONDON TRADES COUNCIL
(Representing 600,000 affiliated members)

FRANCE

"The Rosenbergs must be saved for their sakes and our own; in defending them we are defending ourselves ... I am united with you in asking clemency for the Rosenbergs because their cause is the cause of liberty and of peace."

JEAN-PAUL SARTRE, Writer

"With all my heart I am for clemency."

FERNAND LEGER, Painter

"In the name of French working class, strongly protest death sentences ..."

GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR
OF FRANCE

"I hope that the protests of people of different opinions in every country, joined with protests rising in the United States will succeed in saving the lives of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg."

GILBERT DE CHAMBRUN
Deputy, National Assembly

GERMANY

"... for revocation of the death sentence."

ANNA SEGHERS, Writer

ISRAEL

"20 Religious Leaders Urge Truman Clemency ..."

NEW YORK TIMES, November 19, 1952

ITALY

"Speaking for millions of democratic Italians ... clemency and justice for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."

PIETRO NENNI
Secretary, Socialist Party of Italy
Member, Chamber of Deputies

and from: ARGENTINA • BRAZIL • DENMARK • HOLLAND • JAPAN • MEXICO
NEW ZEALAND • NORTH AFRICA • NORWAY • SWITZERLAND.

Rosenbergs Die?

JULIUS ROSENBERG are scheduled for execution the week of January 12. They were convicted with conspiring to convey military secrets to the U.S.S.R. when that country was a World War II ally.

Millions of thousands of Americans believe the evidence in questions concerning this case is insufficient. Further, they feel that the execution would be an expression of hysteria and an act of justice by a great

and future evidence prove, too much evidence, we urge you most seriously to

Precedented Sentence?

There is no precedent in American history, either in civil or military law, where a civil court imposed the death penalty for passing information even to an enemy, let alone an ally. In recent cases, such as that of the Rosenbergs—both at home and abroad—no death penalties have been imposed.

Elizabeth Bentley and Tokyo Rose, found guilty of espionage during World War II—ten years imprisonment.

Four American Nazis, convicted of passing vital aircraft information to Germany in 1941 (Mulzahn Case, Detroit)—five to fifteen years.

David Greenglass, confessed spy—fifteen years.

Ruth Greenglass, confessed spy—freed.

Harry Gold, confessed spy—thirty years.

Dr. Klaus Fuchs, British, who confessed to transmitting atomic information—fourteen years' imprisonment.

Canadian spy cases. Sentences as low as two years in prison.

Recently, a U.S. Military Court in Germany charged Staff Sergeant Giuseppe Cocchi with having conspired to "give intelligence to

"There were an unusually large number of reasons for mistrusting the evidence of David Greenglass. To begin with, he had pleaded guilty to the conspiracy for which the Rosenbergs were being tried, and had not yet been brought up for sentence; thus he might hope, and he expressly said he did hope, to obtain some advantage for himself as a result of giving evidence against the Rosenbergs.

"It is my considered professional opinion that a conviction based upon such evidence from such sources cannot be regarded as reliable and should not be sustained."

David Greenglass was sentenced to fifteen years. His wife Ruth, who also confessed, was never brought to trial.

Truly David Greenglass, as Mr. Pritt said, had a "terrible incentive for lying"!

What About the Atom Bomb "Secrets"?

Of the evidence of Greenglass on the atom bomb "secrets" *Life Magazine's* science editor wrote: "Greenglass' implosion bomb appears illogical, if not downright unworkable."

John Desmond Bernal, Professor of Physics at the University of London, states: "In my opinion as a scientist with special knowledge of the physics of explosives, the exhibits do not involve the use of a new and original principle, and . . . would not be of advantage to a foreign nation."

In support of his opinions, Prof. Bernal cites six different books or publications, dating back to 1888, all dealing with the supposed "new principle"!

Recently affidavits were submitted to a U.S. Court by three world-famous scientists.

- Prof. Jacques S. Hadamard, member of the American Academy of Sciences, the French Academy of Sciences, Honorary Chairman of the International Congress of Mathematics.

having conspired to "give intelligence to the enemy." If found guilty, the maximum sentence is life imprisonment.

Why the death sentence for the Rosenbergs?

"Sphere or Evidence"?

According to Dr. Roland H. Bainton of Yale Divinity School, "I can see no other explanation than a wave of public hysteria..."

Arthur Garfield Hays, famous American lawyer, says, "It is the damnable death penalty which causes the uneasiness."

The Churchman (Protestant Episcopal publication) in a Nov. 1, 1952 editorial, characterized the sentence of the Rosenbergs as "excessive and cruel," pointing out that "the Rosenbergs, who appear by any reasonable standards to have been small fry beside such brilliant physicists as... Fuchs, had the death sentence."

Proof of Guilt?

As the Supreme Court has held, the conviction of the Rosenbergs is based on the testimony of a single witness. The Court of Appeals declared that, without corroborating testimony, "the conviction could not stand." Yet this testimony was not corroborated by any other witness.

According to the distinguished British and Queen's Counsel, D. N. Pritt,

of Mathematics.

- Prof. Thomas Reeve, Professor of the University of Manchester, England, expert in nuclear physics.
- James Gerald Crowther, lecturer at Harvard University, author of sixteen scientific books, war-time director of the Scientific Department of the British Council.

All three affidavits pointed to the Greenglass testimony about the exhibits as being "implausible" and "inconceivable."

Yet the supposed value of the alleged "secret information" which Greenglass claimed he gave the Rosenbergs was the basis for the death penalty!

An Appeal to Reason

In the words of Waldo Frank, noted author, "Personally, I am in no position to question the verdict against the Rosenbergs. But so many worthy men and women throughout the world, who have studied the testimony, express grave doubts, so much so that a great deal of emotion has been aroused regarding the case and the fact that it is surely the act of wisdom and of justice in a great nation not irrevocably to destroy the future possibility of righting a conceivable wrong... For the sake of our good name and of human love, the death sentence should be commuted."

what
you
can do

- Wire or write: The President, The White House, Washington, D.C., urging that he commute the death sentence.
- Endorse this statement which will be submitted to the President by signing this coupon and mailing it to the Committee:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

- I enclose \$_____ to help in publicizing this appeal for clemency throughout the country.

Emergency Committee of the Arts and Professions to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs. 108 W. 44th St., New York 36, N. Y.—Ci 6-2927

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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

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DATE: 1/22/53

By means of a trash cover maintained on Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, Room 205, Hardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., Confidential Source PH-240-S of known reliability, made available to SE ALBERT COOPER the following item on 1/6/53:

A printed leaflet consisting of four pages entitled, "Comments From the Jewish Press on Clemency for ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG."

This item is not being retained by the Philadelphia Division but is being forwarded to the New York Division.

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Enclosure

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Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation for the information you forwarded to this office by your letter of January 9, 1953.

You may be assured it will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
Special Agent in Charge

MCW:GW
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See ex-1 (B346)

CC: SAC, New York (Enc.)

Enclosed herewith is literature which was sent [Redacted] by the Sponsoring Clergymen, New York City, regarding the appeal for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

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DATE: January 22, 1953

Origin: New York

There is being forwarded herewith a letter which was received through the mail by the Progressive Mine Workers of America from the "Labor Committee to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs."

This exhibit was turned over to SA JOHN W. DOWNEY on January 21, 1953 by [REDACTED], who is of known reliability. The letter carried the return address, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York. b7D

The body of the letter, which was dated December 30, 1952, was mimeographed and carried the salutation "Dear Sir and Brother" and called attention to the appeal being made throughout the world to save the lives of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, who were convicted of "conspiracy to commit espionage" and were sentenced to die in the electric chair.

It should be noted this letter also criticizes the FBI for purportedly withholding knowledge of perjury on the part of a government witness. The letter is signed, "Sincerely and fraternally, ABE LISBARD, Secretary."

For your information, Informant advised on January 13, 1953 that the secretary-treasurer of the Progressive Mine Workers of America replied to this letter with a scathing denunciation of the committee for attempting to use labor unions to save traitors from their just punishment.

JLD:ljc
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NEWS: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 8, 1952

NEW YORK COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS
1050 Avenue of the Americas
New York 18, New York
BRyant 9-9694

Braving a chilling rain to voice their support for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, more than 1,000 people gathered in Straus Square, at East Broadway and Rutgers Thursday evening at a meeting sponsored by the New York Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs.

Shielding themselves with umbrellas, scarves, and shawls--standing in nearby doorways, on the corners of the intersection--looking from windows of surrounding apartments, the listeners heard a distinguished array of speakers call upon President Truman to spare the lives of the father and mother now in the Sing Sing prison death house where they've been since being convicted and condemned on charges of giving atomic information to Russia during World War II. The meeting was chaired by Aaron D. Schneider, New York State Director of the Committee.

The Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff, told the audience that he was urging them to ask the President for clemency because I have studied long and deeply over the facts of the case, and they concern not only one human being, but four living souls, a father, a mother and two small sons. I ask you all, be you Jew or non-Jew and regardless of your beliefs to ask the President to spare their lives."

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, noted scholar, and Negro leader told the audience "I know what it is to be accused of a crime of which I was not guilty."

Dr. DuBois said that he was speaking out for clemency for the Rosenbergs both as a Negro and as one interested in the cause of American justice.

Speaking for Rabbi Louis B. Gross, publisher of the Jewish Examiner Albert Friedman, Managing Editor noted that the Rosenberg's sentence was "disproportionate to the others noted out in the case." He was referring to the 15 year sentence passed on David Greenglass the confessed spy who implicated his sister Mrs. Rosenberg and her husband who have stoutly maintained their innocence to this day.

Rabbi Max Felshin, Radio City Synagogue, said he had written to President Truman urging clemency. The facts of the case were given by Mrs. Emily Alman. Cantor Jacob Kaminsky sang a prayer for the Rosenbergs. Several hundred telegrams were sent from the meeting to President Truman.

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cc: New York (100-107111)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C, DAYLEY.

PH-82-S* ADVISED EFFORTS BEING CONTINUED TO ORGANIZE "CLEMENCY CONFERENCE" FOR MONDAY, 1/26/53. INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING NOT IDENTIFIED; HOWEVER, ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO SECURE "PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVE PEOPLE." DELEGATIONS WOULD BE DIRECTED TO APPEAR AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT KISENBERGER, ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWNELL, AND OTHER PROMINENT PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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 DASH C. DAYLET. [REDACTED] OF THE WASHINGTON TERMINAL POLICE
 ADVISED RECEIVED INFORMATION SPECIAL B AND C TRAIN RESERVED BY
 THE QUOTE LABOR COMMITTEE FOR THE ROSENBERGS UNQUOTE TO LEAVE
 JERSEY CITY SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE AM JANUARY TWENTYSIX NEXT,
 ARRIVING WASHINGTON, D. C. ELEVEN TWENTYEIGHT AM. THIS TRAIN
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 TO HAVE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SEVEN HUNDRED. METROPOLITAN POLICE,
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January 22nd, 1953.


Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Box 269,
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Mineola, New York.

Re: Complaint No. 2174-52

Dear Sirs:

I am forwarding the enclosed literature which
was received by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lynbrook, New York, for whatever action you
may deem necessary. 020

Very truly yours,


Edward Margolin,
Assistant District Attorney.

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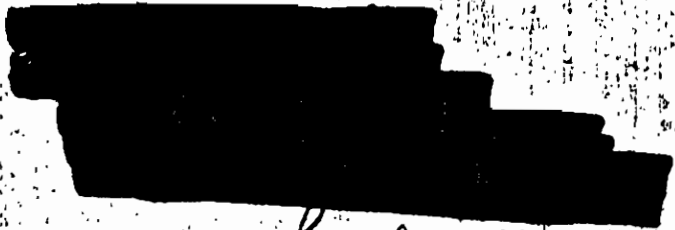
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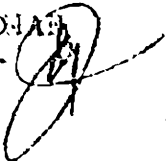
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NEW YORK, JANUARY 23, 1953

BUREAU

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.
IS-C. FINANCIAL REPORT AND SEPARATE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS
HAVE BEEN DICTATED. THEY WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY TRANSCRIBED
AND SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.
BUREAU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED WHEN THESE REPORTS ARE
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NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

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Dear Sir:

I don't know
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 of the enclosed is
 just a plain damn
 fool, a fellow traveller,
 or a member of the
 CPD, but, at any
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 of the game that
 he played he may
 be one of the - those
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 send on the page to
 J. A. Herrington

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you people
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Sincerely

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TO : SAC (100-107111)

DATE: 1-26-52

FROM : SA THOMAS D.J. BROOKS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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On 1-26-52, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] made available a form letter she received dated January 15, 1953, beginning "Dear Neighbor; We wish to announce the formation of the --- FAR ROCKAWAY CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS. This letter requests the recipient to write or wire the President to secure executive clemency.

The letter is signed "(Mrs.) FLORENCE STADLEN, Secretary, 1382 Eggert Pl.

The envelope was postmarked Far Rockaway, N.Y.

The letter contained a pamphlet entitled "The People Speak Out - On the Rosenberg Case", issued by NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, 1050 Sixth Ave. New York 18, N.Y.
cc: FLORENCE STADLEN (100-68070)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,

DASH C. DAYLEY. [REDACTED]

ADVISED TODAY

THE CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION HAS AGAIN OPENED AN OFFICE IN THE

INSPIRATION HOUSE, EIGHTEEN SIXTYSEVEN KALORAMA ROAD, NW,

WASHINGTON, D. C. THIS OFFICE WAS OPENED SOME TIME DURING THE

EARLY PART OF THE WEEK OF JANUARY NINETEEN LAST. THE INFORMANT

HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FURTHER PICKETING AT THE PRESENT TIME AT

THE WHITE HOUSE BUT UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME LOBBYING WILL BE DONE

ON CAPITOL HILL AND THAT A REVEREND WILLIAMSON IS IN WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK FOR THIS PURPOSE.

- MR. BOARDMAN
- MR. WHELAN
- MR. McCABE
- MR. HADLEYMAN
- MR. BRUCCLIANI
- MR. CURRAN
- MR. FITZGERALD
- MR. GILLESPIE
- MR. HALPIN
- MR. JEVIS
- MR. MAURER
- MR. MAUPAI
- MR. MAANDREWS
- NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- MR. REGAN
- MR. RING
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Foley Square, N. Y. C.

Enclosure: - An enclosing
a letter which I recently
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for any one, who must
be masquerading as
an American Citizen,
to attempt to induce

(see of 12/30)

APR 1953

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Mr. Lockaway
NY

decent Americans to
go against our govern-
ment - our Justice
Department -

That sentence about
innocence or guilt!

I believe you could
find many "Reds"

around Mr. Lockaway
Very truly yours -

[Redacted]

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TO : SAC (100-107111)

DATE: 1/27/53

FROM : C.S. HARDING, SA

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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On 1/26/53, Louis J. Buckley advised the writer that he could not furnish any information concerning the captioned organization.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 28, 1953

FROM : SAC, Springfield (100-8691)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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There is being forwarded herewith certain literature which was disseminated by the "NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS", 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York. This was received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Progressive Mine Workers of America, Springfield, Illinois, and turned over to SA JOHN M. DOWNEY, of this office, on January 26, 1953 by [redacted] of known reliability.

Following are the items furnished:

- Pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg Case".
- One page leaflet entitled "The Nation" dated January 10, 1953.
- One page letter on letterhead of "National Labor Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs".
- One page leaflet containing article entitled "Einstein Supports Rosenberg Appeal".
- One page leaflet containing articles from The Gazette and Daily and The New York Times.

The above is being furnished for your information and no copies are maintained in this office.

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TO : SAC
FROM : SA J. E. GIBLER
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
1050 Avenue of the Americas
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January 21, 1953

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INFLUENTIAL ISRAELI PAPER ASKS CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS;
OTHER FOREIGN SUPPORT GROWS

The Jerusalem Post of Tel Aviv, influential Israeli paper editorially called for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, in its Jan. 7 issue. Discussing the implications of the death sentences facing the Rosenbergs the Post declared "a wave of protests is sweeping the civilized world at the severity of the sentences..."

The Post declared, "democracy's cause is not so desperate that it must act with irretrievable ruthlessness and exact extreme penalties which can never afterwards be mitigated or revoked. It is for this reason that humane opinion today looks to the President of the United States to commute the capital sentence on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, marked out to bear a burden of punishment far beyond the heinousness of their crime."

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv prominent cultural persons urged clemency among whom were, the noted composer Paul Ben-Haim, the actress Hannah Rovina, Mr. George Singer, Mr. Moshe Smilansky, Professor Hugo Bergman, Professor Martin Buber, Dr. David Werner Senator, Ya'acov Fichtman, and Yitshak Gruenbaum.

In Paris, a group of 150 leading lawyers expressed "great feeling" for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

While the All-China Federation of Scientific Societies and the All-China Association for Dissemination of Scientific and Technical Knowledge cabled the White House urging clemency.

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FROM : SA E. K. DEANE

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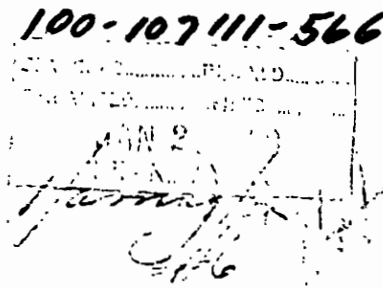
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Dear Friend;

The White House Clemency Vigil is being closed as of noon on Jan. 17th. You should have gotten a press release on this matter by now.

This should by no means be taken as a signal for the discontinuance of any vigils, mailings or other activities. On the contrary, the closing of the Vigil is simply a means to further expedite the work in the communities, to free some of the forces now tied up in one or another aspect of the Vigil, so that a relatively greater amount of response can be gotten from each community.

If clemency is not granted by Jan. 20th, we should seek to duplicate the tremendous number of messages that went to Truman, except that they should then be directed to Pres. Eisenhower.

Also we want your advice: There have been many suggestions that a National Clemency delegation return to Washington on Jan. 26th. What do you think? Let us know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

David Alman

Executive Secretary.

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LEAGUE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN OF FRANCE ASKS CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS

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The world renowned League of the Rights of Man in France, has added its voice to the world cry for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The Central Committee of the League declared in a long letter to then President Truman that it was "unanimous in asking of you clemency..."

The League, composed of many foremost French jurists, public officials, and outstanding intellectuals and professionals, including a former attorney general of France, asks for clemency because it has doubts concerning the charges of espionage against the Rosenbergs and because it "rejects the irreparable effects of capital punishment."

In its letter, Dr. Sicard de Pisureles, the League's president noted that it was "founded in 1898 in the course of the Dreyfus case, at the darkest hour of that case, just after Zola's trial, and following Zola's example, to defend truth and justice."

Its committee is today comprised of men of the highest character, including President Paul-Boncour, former head of the French Government for many years; the outstanding French representative in the League of Nations and one of the founders of the United Nations; President Rene Cassin, Vice-President of the highest French administrative jurisdiction and, with Mrs. Roosevelt, one of the most eminent members of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights; M. Georges Boris, state counselor and permanent delegate from France to the Social and Economic Council of the U.N.; M. Andre Boissarie, former Attorney General of France; M. Francis Perrin, professor at the College of France and director of French atomic research. Those names alone are a guarantee of the high purpose, the generosity of heart and scruples of conscience which motivate the actions of the League.

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League declared it did not know the political beliefs of the Rosenbergs were "but, whatever these opinions, the League, faithful to the American and French declarations on the Rights of Man and to the Universal Declaration proclaimed in 1948 by the U.N.O., does not believe in indictment for beliefs ..."

"All human judgment, even the most scrupulous, is susceptible to error," continued Dr. Plauzoles. "What the League knows of the Rosenbergs' trial leaves it doubtful as to the validity of the charge."

Meanwhile, Walter Kerr of the Paris Bureau of the Herald-Tribune wrote on January 13th that "the vast majority of non-Communist newspapers in France continued to urge today that the death sentences of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg --- be commuted to life imprisonment." Among those noted by Kerr are "Le Figare," "L'Aurere," and "Franc-tireur"

And in Canada the Ottawa Citizen in an editorial on January 9th, noted that "No proof was advanced for allegations that Rosenberg received sketches from Greenglass, knew Russian agents, or spent money freely in night clubs while recruiting spies. The judge appeared ~~often to take the side of the prosecution, and in the end declared~~ the Rosenbergs had given the Russians the atom bomb, caused the Korean war, and might be the cause of the deaths of millions of innocent people."

"Is it small wonder in view of these circumstances," asks the Citizen, "that many thoughtful people in the U.S. and elsewhere feel that clemency should be extended?"

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MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT URGES CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS.

WISCONSIN CATHOLICS ALSO BACK PLEA

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said that she felt "there is a great deal of hope..." that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg will win executive clemency "on humanitarian grounds alone." Mrs. Roosevelt was speaking to a press conference at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, it was learned by the National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs.

"Never before have we executed anyone for treason in this country in time of peace," Mrs. Roosevelt declared. "We might say we would like to substitute the life sentence on humanitarian grounds. I think there is a great deal of hope that this will be done."

In Milwaukee, the LaCrosse Register, official organ of the LaCrosse Catholic Diocese, urged clemency for the Rosenbergs in an editorial on January 15th "...Our national interests as well as the ends of justice..." would be best served by executive clemency being granted at this time.

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Date information received January 23, 1953

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Committee To Secure Justice In the Rosenberg Case

JOSEPH BRAININ

Chairman

DAVID ALMAN

Executive Secretary

January 20 1953 For immediate release 1050 SOUTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
ROSENBERG CLEMENCY-APPEALS SPREADING IN NATION'S PRESS
BY MAIL 4-1954

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, issue of January 11th, carries several letters urging clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. They are part of nearly a half page of pro-and-con letters on the subject.

The January, February, March issues of Message to Israel declares: "We have written to the President appealing to his senses of humanity and fairness, asking that he commute this death sentence to life imprisonment. Prayer is also being offered that an opportunity will be afforded us to help this couple in spiritual ways, especially with a view that they be visited with God's great salvation."

Robert H. Greenis, columnist for the Brocklyn Eagle discusses the question and despite his many reservations concerning various facts of the case he concludes "...I do not believe we should execute the Rosenbergs."

... It is a case where the consequences must be considered."

In its editorial for December 31, the Saratoga-Saratogian raised a number of questions concerning the case. "This is the first time in American history that the death penalty has been assessed in peace time for an offense of this nature. Will American security and American morale gain or lose by beginning it now?"

And from the Lakesport, Pa. News comes the editorial admission that "...the question of the Rosenbergs continues to haunt our consciences. Should they be killed as the penalty for their crime? The courts have decreed so and in accordance with the statutes. Still, in the normality of American thought there arises the vision of a father and mother and two young boys."

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Enclosure

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 28, 1953


New York 27, N.Y.

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Dear 

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 25, 1953, with enclosure.

Your interest in forwarding me the information contained in your letter is indeed appreciated. You may be assured that it will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

JAH:DM
100-107111

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge



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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 28, 1953

Frank A. Gulotta
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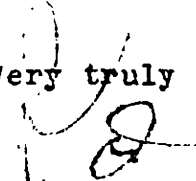
Attention: Edward Margolin
Assistant District Attorney

Dear Sir:

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of
January 22, 1953, enclosing literature received from Mr.
A. C. Grivel of Lynbrook, New York.

Thank you for forwarding this to us.

Very truly yours,


LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

*Notl Committe to
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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

January 29, 1953

[REDACTED]
Far Rockaway, N.Y.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to thank you for your letter of January 27, 1953,
with enclosures.

Your interest in making this information available to this
office is indeed appreciated. You may be assured the matter will
receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

100-107111
JAH:IM

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 1/20/53

By means of a trash cover maintained on Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, Room 205, Hardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., PH 240-S, of known reliability, made available to SA ALBERT COOPER the following item on 1/20/53:

A mimeographed leaflet which is a press release dated 6/12/52. The lower half of this leaflet consists of a poem entitled "JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, Traitors to the U.S.A., Must Die" by OLIVER ALLSTON.

This item is being forwarded to the New York Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

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DATE: 1/29/53

By means of a trash cover maintained on Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, Room 205, Wardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., PH 240-S, of known reliability, made available to SE ALBERT COOPER the following items on 1/20/53. These items are being forwarded to the New York Division. They are as follows:

- 1B107 (1). A reprint of an article appearing in the 1/10/53, issue of "The Nation" by FREDERICK MICHNEY. This article is entitled "Mercy for the Rosenbergs."
- 1B108 (2). A reprint of a letter dated 1/5/53, which appeared in the "New York Times," Thursday, 1/8/53, written by Dr. HAROLD C. WHEY of the University of Chicago "To the editor of the "New York Times."
- 1B109 (3). A fifteen page pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg Case," an analysis by D. H. Pritt - world famous British lawyer.
- 1B110 (4). A seven page leaflet entitled "The People Speak Out on the Rosenberg Case."

This leaflet quotes various individuals from other countries along with prominent writers, rabbis, ministers and individuals connected with colleges and universities.

The above-mentioned four items were all issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York ((100-107111))
 FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)
 SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
 JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 1/29/53

By means of a trash cover on the Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, Room 205, Hardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., PH 210-S, of known reliability, made available the following item on 1/13/53, to SE ALBERT COOPER:

A printed leaflet issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y. This leaflet was issued to announce "A call to a National Clemency and Prayer Gathering to appeal to the President of the United States." This gathering was to be held on Sunday and Monday, 1/4 and 5/53, at the National Guard Armory, Washington, D. C.

This item is being forwarded to the New York Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 1/29/53

By means of a trash cover maintained on Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, Room 205, Hardt Building, Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., PH 240-S, of known reliability, made available to SE ALBERT COOPER the following two items on 1/20/53:

One is a throwaway leaflet entitled "FBI Affidavit Admits Witness Lied in Rosenberg Case!" The other item is a three by five card held together by a perforated line. The upper half is a letter addressed to "Dear Mr. President:" and the lower half has a blank space for individuals to enter their name, address and union name and title.

Both of these two items were issued by the National Labor Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 19, N. Y. This address is the same address as that of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

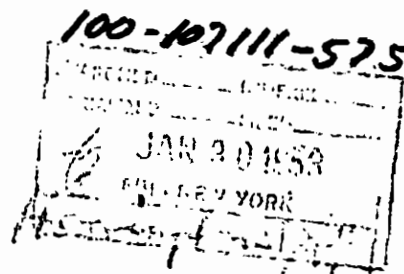
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AIR TEL AMSD

JANUARY 27, 1953

3:45 pm

TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM BOSTON

DIRECTOR AND SAC U R G E N T

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. IS

DASH C. DANIEL. [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE

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BRANCH MEETING OF LOCAL GROUP HELD JAN TWENTYSEVEN LAST. INFORMANT

SAID QUOTE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE OF JEWISH EXTRACTION UNQUOTE.

ACCORDING INFORMANT, QUOTE GROUP TOOK THIS OCCASION TO DENY

ANY BELIEF AT LENGTH THE JEWISH TRAGIC S OF THEIR FORTUNES

UNQUOTE. THIS IS FIRST TIME INFORMANT HAS HEARD ONE INDIVIDUAL

EXPRESSED QUOTE SO OPENLY UNQUOTE ANY BELIEF QUOTE THAT ZIONIST

PURGE TRIALS IN CP DOMINATED COUNTRIES WERE CAUSING THE CP MEMBER

AND COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS OF JEWISH EXTRACTION TO PROVE THEIR

LOYALTY TO THE COMMUNIST CAUSE BY DENYING THEMSELVES UNQUOTE.

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PM: pm, lk

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SAC, New York

January 29, 1953

SAC, Pittsburgh (100-0)

NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR
CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
New York Origin

On January 3, 1953, [REDACTED] of known reliability, furnished to SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF the following described material which the informant received from the above captioned organization: b7D

1. A form letter dated December 27, 1952, and signed ABE WEISBURD, Secretary, issued under the letterhead of the above captioned organization, whose address is given as 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 19, New York.
2. A throwaway issued by the same organization entitled "F.B.I. Affidavit Admits Witness Lied in Rosenberg Case!".
3. A double printed postcard, one part of which contains a message to the President of the United States asking for executive clemency for the ROSENBERGS and the other part of which contains spaces for the signature of the receipt, which signature is to be added to the "Appeal for Executive Clemency for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG". This part of the postcard is to be returned to the above captioned organization.

The above material is forwarded for your information.

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AIR TEL

1/21/53

FBI WASH FIELD

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11:00 AM

DIRECTOR

URGENT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IN
 DASH C. DALLAS. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT THE
 CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION HAS A VERY SMALL OFFICE IN THE INSPIRATION
 BLDG, WASHINGTON, D. C., WHICH IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD MEETINGS
 IN. THE TELEPHONE IS CO FIVE DASH NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT TWO. NEW.
 HAROLD S. WILLIAMSON OF NEW YORK HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON BUILDING PAST
 WEEK MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR FUTURE VISITS ON CAPITAL HILL BY
 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES. ECH ROSENBERG OF CLEVELAND IS COMING
 TO WASHINGTON THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY TWO TO THREE
 IN THIS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PREVIOUS WFO DALLAS HAVE MENTIONED AN
 SENIOR CONGRESSMAN WHO INDICATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO TALK THE MATTER
 OVER BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION OR MAKING ANY STATEMENT RE THE
 ROSENBERGS. INFORMANT HAS NOW LEARNED THAT THIS CONGRESSMAN WAS
 REPRESENTATIVE FRANCES BOLTON WHOSE SECRETARY REPLIED TO GIVE AN
 APPOINTMENT TO H.S. WILLIAMSON ON JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST. [REDACTED]

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